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The final days of Didsbury's final grain elevator

THE END OF AN ERA

Many locals gathered to watch the demolition of Didsbury's final grain elevator early last week. It took two days of solid work to get the elevator to the ground.

Photo by Nicole Smith



By Nicole Smith

Yet another piece of Didsbury's history came crashing down last week.

The lone Agricore grain elevator that was situated along the railroad tracks was demolished last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Many spectators gathered along the tracks to watch as Co-

lumbia Rail tore the building down, piece by piece.

According to Agricore, this demolition was a long time coming, as the amount of grain being brought to the elevator has lessened over the past few years.

"The volume is just not sufficient enough to make it equitable," said Alan Bourne, Member

and Corporate Services Representative for Agricore in an interview last February.

On March 3 the elevator officially closed its doors for good and now farmers have the option to deliver their grain to elevators in Olds, Carstairs or Crossfield.

Bourne said that most of the farmers in the area have also

seen this decision coming for quite some time.

"Most guys have understood," he said. "They've known it was coming. It wasn't a big surprise for them."

People who were in for a big surprise were the officials at the Town of Didsbury.

When the Town decided that they wanted to look into purchas-

ing the elevator, to preserve the history of it, they were handed a rather high price tag.

Agricore said that they would be happy to give the Town the option to buy the building and request that a \$10,000 refundable deposit be put on it.

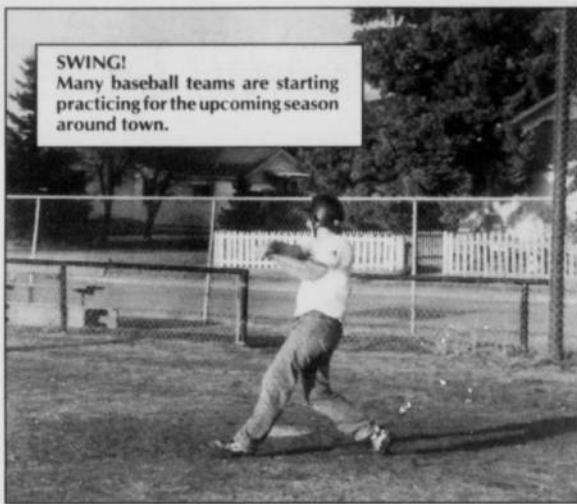
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SWING!
Many baseball teams are starting practicing for the upcoming season around town.

Local man to pay for damages on police cruiser

by Dan Singleton

A 21-year-old man who was run down by a police cruiser at the conclusion of a car chase through Didsbury has been fined.

Adrian John Watson was found guilty in Didsbury provincial court on Monday on charges of dangerous driving, failure to stop for a peace officer and driving with no insurance.

The verdict came at the conclusion of a one-and-a-half hour trial before Judge Clozza.

At about 10 p.m. on Oct. 26, 1999 the accused ran through a stop sign on 15th Ave. Crown prosecutor Gord Wong told the court.

A Didsbury RCMP Constable who happened to be passing by spotted the vehicle and gave chase.

Watson refused to stop for the officer, running through three more stop signs before the chase moved outside town limits.

Watson eventually went down a dead end gravel road, at which time he got out of the vehicle and stood on the roadway.

The pursuing officer, unable to see the accused because of heavy dust, ran into the man. The accused suffered an injured leg in the incident.

Watson testified he did not stop for the officer because he had no insurance and did not want to be caught.

"I chose to run," Watson testified. "I thought maybe I

could get away with it. It was adrenaline, a fight or flight thing."

He admitted turning off his headlights during the chase in an attempt to escape.

Judge Clozza found the accused guilty on all charges.

"The constable's safety was in danger by this manner of driving. I would suggest he (accused) was the author of his own injury. This is totally unacceptable. There's no question at all that this was dangerous driving."

The judge fined Watson \$1,000 on the dangerous driving charge, \$2,500 on the no insurance count, and \$50 on the failure to stop charge. He also ordered Watson to pay the RCMP \$4,039 in compensation for damage to the police vehicle.

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MLA report provides input for protected areas legislation

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A Natural Heritage Act public consultation report on key issues, prepared by a committee of six MLAs, recommends changes to the proposed Act for consideration by the Minister of Environment.

The Committee, chaired by Janis Tarchuk with Dave Coutts as vice-chair, was formed to review the Natural Heritage Act to address continuing concerns.

Their recommendations focus on the following six key areas, identified as high priorities for review by earlier public feedback:

- oil and gas exploration and development in parks and protected areas,
- mining in parks and protected areas,
- recreational off-highway vehicle and snowmobile use in parks and protected areas,
- hunting in parks and protected areas,
- reclassification of natural areas, and
- ministerial flexibility versus certainty.

The MLA Committee's re-

port discusses and makes recommendations on each of these key areas.

Other members of the MLA Committee were Wayne Cao, Calgary-Fort; Ivan Strang, West Yellowhead; Ron Hierath, Cardston-Tabar-Warner; and Dave Broda, Redwater.

"The MLA Committee did an excellent job of consulting with a cross-section of Albertans and then putting that information into a concise report," said Gary Mar, Minister of Environment.

"I will be discussing this information further with my colleagues in other departments before introducing the new legislation."

The public consultation process consisted of workshops, focus group sessions and a public mail-in process.

Approximately 5,200 Natu-

ral Heritage Act workbooks were mailed out and 1,224 were completed and returned.

As well, Alberta Environment's web site received 5,600 visits for information on the review process.

The Natural Heritage Act was introduced last year to consolidate, update and replace several overlapping pieces of legislation and to provide a way to protect existing areas and newly designated sites through the Special Places program.

Copies of the MLA Report are available by calling Alberta Environment's Information Centre at (780) 422-2079 or by going to <http://www.gov.ab.ca/en/parks.html> and then clicking on "Natural Heritage Act: under the heading "Policies, Legislation and Special Programs."

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Construction underway on new RCMP detachment

By Nicole Smith

Ground has been broken for the new RCMP detachment in Didsbury, and for all those involved it is a very exciting time.

Last week Lear Construction, out of Calgary, moved on site to start construction on the building early this week. Robert Wigg, Planning and Development Officer for the Town of Didsbury was in attendance at a job site meeting held last Tuesday and says that it is "very encouraging" that construction is set to begin.

Wigg says that the Town is pleased to have Lear doing the work and believes that they will do a superior job of the new building.

"The contractor will be very well suited for the job," he said. "This company is a long-term contractor."

The project was tendered out last year and Lear came in the lowest out of seven or eight companies.

Wigg says that Lear is isn't your run of the mill construction company, as the tender called for companies that have had experience in constructing such specialized buildings as an RCMP detachment.

Wigg says that it will be very specific work, as the company will have to not only follow the Alberta Building Code, but also federal standards pertaining to an RCMP building.

He says that there aren't a lot of suppliers who deal with such specialized equipment as bulletproof cell doors and special toilets for prisoners.

Wigg says that Lear will be subcontracting a lot of the work out to people who are just as conscience of the rules that need to be followed.

Wigg says that a completion date has not been put on the project because of all the detail that needs to be put into the building, but that they are hoping to have the building up and running by the end of this year.

"It's hard to put a date on it," he said. "We're dealing with such specialized equipment."

Wigg says that everyone at Town Office is pleased that the end is in sight of this issue that has been going on for many years in Didsbury.

"It's been a long haul and I think there's a lot of satisfaction felt by all of us," he said.

"It's really quite a thrill."

The building, which is just shy of 6,000 square feet, will house a lot more than the current detachment does.

There will be four cells situated in the new building which will be specific to age and gender, along with an expanded administration area and a Multi-Purpose Room for community meetings.

Officials at the Town of Didsbury aren't the only ones who are pleased that this project is underway. The men and women who will be using it daily are just as excited.

"It's long overdue from our prospective," said Sergeant Ron Platz.

"We're really looking forward to the new building."

Corporal Vaughn Christensen is in total agreement and says that this issue was on the table when he came to Didsbury 10 years ago.

"This will provide better service to our community," Christensen said.

Local merchants should be aware of credit card fraud

By Nicole Smith

Check those signatures, say a local couple.

Rick and Debbie Evans say that Didsbury merchants should be aware of a string of credit card frauds that recently occurred around town.

On April 14, the Evans had a Mastercard II direct debit card stolen from their vehicle and it wasn't until the following Monday that they found out they were in the hole almost \$2,000.

Debbie had left her purse in their unlocked vehicle and the couple didn't realize that the card had been stolen because the purse was left in the car.

"We are living in a small town," said Rick about leaving the vehicle unlocked.

"We didn't think it would happen."

On Monday morning, the couple received a call from their bank to report some "unusual activity" that had occurred on their card over the weekend.

They soon found out that nearly \$2,000 had been spent around town on items like fireworks, candy, liquor, gas and bar tabs.

"(The suspect) went to everybody that was open and everybody that accepted Mastercard," said Rick.

The thing that puzzles the couple is that the card was in Debbie's name and the male suspect was signing with his own name.

"How did they even accept it," questions Rick.

Rick says that they are very upset that this would happen in Didsbury, a place they have lived for the past nine years.

"I went to immediate anger and have stayed there," he said. "My wife got really depressed."

Rick says that the money was to be used for everyday things

like groceries and mortgage, as well as his sister-in-law's wedding this past weekend.

"That was our everyday money," he said.

Rick says that the RCMP, along with the bank, are currently looking into exactly how much was spent by the suspect.

The couple doesn't yet know whether or not they will be reimbursed for the missing money.

Rick is warning local business owners to watch who's using whose credit card at their stores.

"Open your eyes," he said. "How can this happen when it's a

women's card and it's a man signing his name."

Rick says that he approached one of the businesses that the card was used at and questioned why no one checked the signature.

"They told me they were too busy to check all the cards," he said.

He reminds local merchants that crimes like this do happen even in small towns.

"Yeah, it's a small town and it does happen. It's very real."

A suspect was arrested and subsequently charged with three counts of credit card fraud.

Arrest made in string of thefts from vehicles

By Nicole Smith

The RCMP are warning Didsburians to keep their vehicles locked up overnight, as a string of thefts has recently occurred.

Five reports were received by the RCMP about cars in the Westhills subdivision being broken into on the evening of April 14 and early morning hours of April 15.

Items that were stolen from the vehicles included things like spare change, CDs, a portable CD player and a credit card.

An arrest was made last Tuesday afternoon in this case by officers from the local detachment.

Corporal Vaughn Christensen said that only the portable CD player was recovered from the suspect's person.

Apparently, the credit card had been used around town, but there is no value of what was charged on the card available at this time.

The suspect made his first court appearance last Wednesday afternoon and will be back in the Didsbury provincial court today.

It was through normal police investigation that 18-year-old Chris Birch of Olds was arrested in this matter and subsequently charged with three counts of theft from a motor vehicle, one count of damage to RCMP cells, and three counts of using a stolen credit card.

Mountainview Waterways Restoration Group named

The Mountainview Waterways restoration group has been active since the 14 of February 2000. It consists of producers living on the Lonepine and Rosebud creeks, as well as a few other county residents. As the watershed Committee, we would like to commend the Town of Carstairs, especially Carl McDonnell, for the work done on improving water quality for down stream users. Carl has worked closely with down stream producers to coordinate sewage release, take on more water quality testing, and explore further options for improving quality such as retention ponds for storm sewer run off. We would like to clarify that the town of Carstairs was not responsible for the dead fish found in the Rosebud Creek. Although investigations are ongoing, by Alberta environment it appears that the fish were dead prior to sewage release in 2000.

The Mountainview Waterways Restoration group is currently accessing data on the Rosebud and Lonepine Creeks for establishing a base standard on water quality. This information will help to determine locations for demonstration sites. The purpose of the sites will be to provide successful management alterations that encourage a healthy riparian (land bordering creeks) environment. The riparian enhancement sub committee will determine the sites and type of demonstrations. Other sub committees are urban impact, Education, Intensive livestock, and funding and finance. The Urban

committee works with the towns, the county and commercial business. The Education committee communicates our activities, and educates the general public on riparian issues. The intensive livestock committee will deal with nutrient management, containing feedlot runoff, and things like that. The finance committee will find and secure sources of funding for long-term activities.

We invite anyone interested in any of the above activities to contact Jeff Holmes or Larry Rice at the County office. 335-3311.

CORRECTION:

Re: Drunk driver hit pedestrian (April 19)

The Crown withdrew charges of hit and run, and leaving the scene of an accident against the accused, Mr. Aaron Speer. The collision referred to in the article was of a very minor nature, the accused said. We apologize for any inconveniences these oversights may have caused.

Didsbury's last elevator demolished

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If the Town did end up buying the building, they would have been responsible for the upkeep on the elevator and to do any repairs that were necessary. This was an estimated cost of about \$100,000.

Also, the Town would be responsible for having the building insured at all times.

The Town was also looking into buying the land upon which the elevator sits, which is currently owned by CP Rail.

CPR was asking for a price of \$3.50 per square foot, with an estimated grand total of \$25-30 thousand.

In late March, in a 4-2 vote, council opted to not go ahead with negotiations to purchase the building and land, as they said it was not in the best interest of taxpayers and the Town.

The main elevator was built in the 1960s, and an addition was made in the early 80s, but one piece of it is dated back to the 1920s.

OPINIONS

EDITORIAL

Operation Elian



Nicole
SMITH

Unless you were living under a rock this past weekend, I'm sure that you know about what's being happening in Miami with Elian Gonzales.

The situation that's been going on since last fall has finally come to head and people both in the States and in Cuba are outraged.

Elian is the young Cuban boy whose mother died while trying to come to the States on a refugee boat. Elian was rescued by a fisherman and it was later found out that he has relatives living in Miami, to whom he went to live with.

Elian's father, who still lives in Cuba, has been trying to have his son returned to him since last fall, to no avail. That is, until this weekend.

Early on Good Friday morning, a raid was made on the house where the boy was living in Miami and Elian was snatched by federal agents and taken to Washington, DC where his father was waiting.

A few months ago, the American justice system handed down a court order that Elian be returned to his father, but the Miami relatives didn't listen and so the government felt that this was their final option in returning the boy to his father.

Now, there is an enormous amount of controversy surrounding this latest move by the American government, and at the centre of it is a photograph.

During the raid, a picture was snapped by an Associated Press photographer of a SWAT team member pointing an assault weapon at a terrified Elian, who was in the arms of who else, but the very fisherman that saved his life months ago.

This picture has made people very angry, saying that the government should have been acting with sensitivity towards the boy and that there was no need for such heavy artillery in this operation.

The government's saying that they didn't know what waited for them behind the doors of the relatives' home and were only trying to do what was best for Elian.

I agree that the raid was a little over the top, with all the men and guns. They were only trying to remove a young boy from a house and return him to his father.

But, I do think that the American government did the right thing in removing Elian from the Miami residence. He belongs with his father, and only with his father.

An argument would be that his mother was running away from the man and died in the process. Maybe this is true, but there have been no reports of abuse or mistreatment, and the mother is now not alive to plead her case.

Another argument would be: why return Elian to the country from which he and his mother were trying to escape? Yes, Cuba is a communist country, living under the reign of Fidel Castro. But, the United States of America, with all its democracy, sometimes isn't all that people see it as.

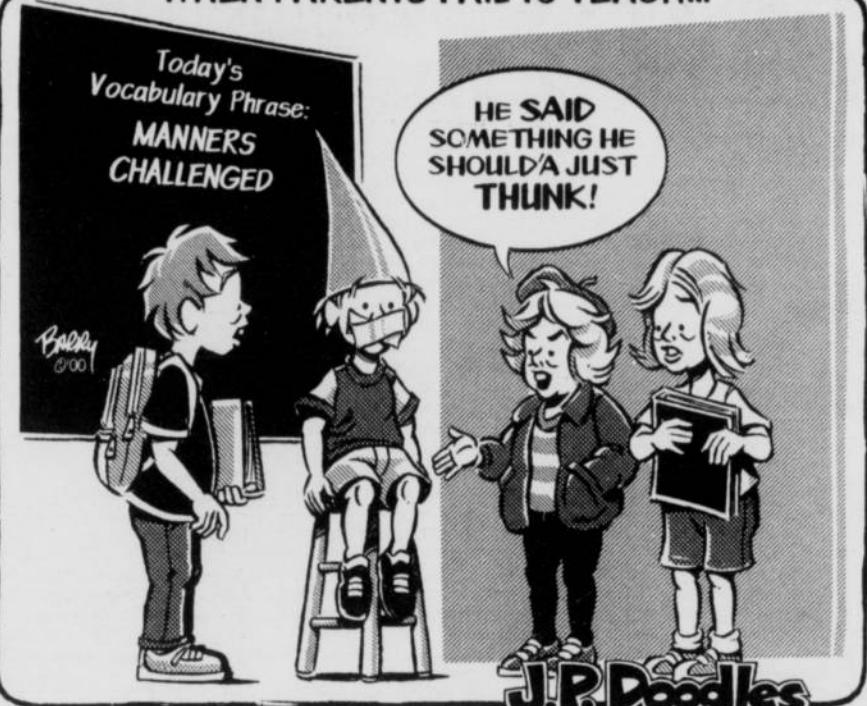
What's my reasoning as to why Elian should return to Cuba with his father? Well, in the States, for the past six months or so, the boy hasn't had a chance to live a normal life. He's been at the centre of a media circus and has been on display for all the world to see. He's been spoiled rotten by his Miami relatives, possibly in the hopes to sway somebody's decision in what should happen to him.

In Cuba he may be living under a communist government, but at least he will eventually have some peace. He will be with his remaining parent, a man who obviously loves him.

And most importantly, he will no longer be used as a pawn in a game that has been going on between the US and Cuba for many years before his time.

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WHEN PARENTS FAIL TO TEACH...



It's time to listen to Albertans

by Christine Burdett -
Friends of Medicare
Spokesperson

Over ten thousand people sent a clear message to the Alberta government at the Friends of Medicare Rallies last weekend. "Kill the Bill" the people shouted at the Rallies in Calgary on Saturday and in Edmonton on Sunday.

The Rallies were organized by Friends of Medicare to give Albertans a chance to publicly show where they stand on Bill 11 and the government's drive to privatize health care.

"The Premier can try to reassure himself with custom-made polls, but thousands of voices at these Rallies show just how strongly Albertans feel about saving Medicare and about Bill 11," said Christine Burnett, Friends of Medicare spokesperson after the Rallies. "The fact that thousands of citizens took a good part of their weekend to express their opposition to Bill 11 is a signal the Premier can ignore only at great political peril," she said. "He should simply do the right democratic thing and withdraw the Bill."

Over 7,000 people jammed into Edmonton's Agricentre hall on Sunday and over 3,000 people were on hand at Calgary's Round-up Centre Saturday. The daughter of Medicare founder

Tommy Douglas, Shirley Douglas was the keynote speaker at both events. Joining her was as her son, actor Kiefer Sutherland who came he said, to support the "best health care system in the world" that his grandfather initiated.

People at the rallies loudly cheered the speakers and broke into chants of Kill the Bill throughout the events. Calgary

Doctor Walley Temple brought the crowd to its feet cheering when summing up his opposition to Bill 11 he said that Medicare is a symbol of our humanity and "our health care is not a matter for commerce."

The Friends of Medicare called upon Albertans to phone their MLAs today to ensure the message is getting through to all the elected representatives.

Wonderings of the heart

by Margaret Fradley

Am I Responsible?

There is a great deal of pain in our world, our communities, even in our churches.

Do I have a responsibility here?

There are many in our own communities that lack adequate food, shelter and clothing and other necessities of life.

Am I responsible?

Our nursing homes, hospitals and long term care facilities are full of folks who are lonely and long for a visit. And there are waiting lists for others who need such care.

Where is my responsibility?

The number of homeless and street people is steadily rising and particularly in winter months, our organizations can hardly keep up to the need and demands of serving hot meals and providing a place to sleep.

What am I called to do?

Many young people these days are bored and frustrated and turn to alcohol and drugs in search of peace, happiness, contentment, acceptance and meaning for their lives.

Where do I fit in?

There are many people who do not know the Lord Jesus Christ, who have never accepted or experienced his sacrifice on the cross or recognized 'He is the way, the truth and the life.'

What is my responsibility?

Am I my brothers keeper?

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OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Taking care of Bambi

by Mitchel Gray - Provincial Director

Ottawa has long had the power to throw people in jail for not paying their taxes. Now the feds want to lock you up if you refuse to hand over your land.

That's right, the government is no longer satisfied with simply stealing your income to finance graft and corruption (i.e. the \$1 billion HRDC job grants scandal.) Now it wants your property as well.

And it's going to get it through something called the Species at Risk Act (SARA). The legislation is ostensibly designed to prevent the extinction of various animal species and pave the way for the recovery of plants, fish and wildlife deemed at risk throughout Canada.

Well that sounds reasonable enough.

After all, who wouldn't want to protect Bambi and Thumper from annihilation?

Everyone can agree that, in principle, Canada needs to protect its wildlife. But it's how Ottawa is going about it that raises some alarming questions about state control over private property.

The SARA, for example, sets out massive fines and heavy jail terms for anyone found guilty of killing, harming or capturing species at risk. Corporations could be fined up to \$1 million and their officials could go to jail for five years. Individuals also face five-year

sentences and fines up to \$250,000.

Taking care of that marauding fox that keeps getting into your hen house might just put you first into bankruptcy and then into the slammer.

"Ah, but wait," says the government, "if you just hand over your land we'll provide 'compensation' and we can forget about having to have the RCMP take you away in handcuffs."

So those are your options - face jail and/or fines or give the feds control over your land and how you do business. The latter choice might not be such a bad alternative if Ottawa was serious about compensation. But it's not.

The legislation lacks an adequate formula for recompense for the expropriation of private property.

The SARA says nothing about paying "fair market value" to those individuals or corporations that have to give up their land or alter their land use practices. Instead, the question of reimbursement will be left up to Ottawa's bureaucrats to decide through future "regulations."

And just how much do the feds think this little program might cost?

Well, the SARA itself will funnel \$90 million over the next three years into a "national strategy".

Just how much of that figure is to go toward compensation is unclear. In 1997, when the legislation was first intro-

duced as Bill C-65, then Environment Minister Sergio Marchi admitted that his department had not considered the potential costs involved when he responded, "I haven't thought of that threshold - maybe you have... I haven't figured that out."

Apparently nothing has changed. As usual, the government has no idea as to what its program might cost.

We do know, however, that since 1973, when the U.S. implemented similar legislation, over \$13 billion has been spent on endangered species recovery.

Within this time not one species has been recovered, five have gone extinct, and six were listed mistakenly because of incorrect counts.

The failure of the U.S. program has everything to do with government imposed penalties. Rather than risk substantial financial loss landowners have taken measures to ensure their property is unencumbered by endangered animals - a sort of "species cleansing."

Fines and jail terms have created just the opposite effect sought by the legislation.

We should learn from the American experience.

Protecting Canada's endangered species should be a top priority for all of us - but it's not going to happen via threats, intimidation, and legalized theft.

Save our wildlife - exterminate the SARA.

Priority spending

Reform Heritage Critic Inky Mark says it's time the federal government comes clean and admits wasteful spending in Heritage has jeopardized the serene state of Canada's National Parks.

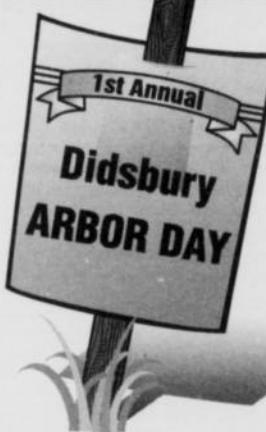
A report on the ecological integrity of Canada's National Parks found Parks Canada has failed in its management and planning duties over the past few years. Mark says the report's key finding, the national parks in Canada are at a crossroad, comes as no surprise.

"Canadians want ecological integrity. Parks must remain in a pristine state for future generations, but the Heritage Minister needs to be honest with how parks are administered. The process must be improved, and it starts with advisory boards created through the community management plan. They must be given real power to make decisions, because they are best-suited to do so," Mark said.

Mark says inconsistent park policies, which have created hassles for parks users, are also at fault. He feels Canadian Heritage has downloaded on Parks communities during the past decade by reducing services, and shifting the pressure on to leases and park users.

"I want to ensure an inter-auditing system is put in place to guarantee the report 'doesn't gather dust in government of office. You could say I will become the people's watchdog to make sure that is the case," Mark stated. The panel, which was struck by Heritage Minister Sheila Copps in November 1998, also recommends over \$328 million in new spending. The cash injection would be directed for integrity measures over and above the new money which will be needed to fund the seven new parks being established through Bill C-27 (National parks Act).

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Wild Rose Report



**Myron
THOMPSON**

Last month Auditor General Denis Desautels appeared before a House of Commons Committee to examine the Human Resources Department's (HRDC) grants scandal. Mr. Desautels stated "I can't help but express a certain frustration with the way the government manages grants and contributions in general."

In the fall of 1999, an internal audit revealed that there was "an absence of financial controls over job grants" within HRDC. This finding recently lead one news outlet to state that "money was often distributed for political purposes and to very little net benefit" to the taxpayers.

This media allegation was a well-founded fact that the Official Opposition has repeatedly questioned the Liberal government on but unfortunately, to no avail.

Human Resource Minister Jane Stewart continues to deny padding the pockets of her colleagues for political gain and emphatically stands by the so-called success of the job grants program. Ms. Stewart argues that jobs have been created as a result of the program and that is all that matters despite the financial mismanagement and the unaccounted \$1 billion loss.

In his semi-annual report this month, the Auditor General revealed that this government boondoggle is not confined to HRDC.

An investigation into the Scientific Research and Experimental Development (SR & ED) tax credit system overseen by the department of Finance and the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency revealed more bureaucratic foul-ups, questionable criteria and negligible gain to Canadians as a whole.

As with the HRDC scandal, the problems with the SR & ED tax credits revolve around a lack of control.

Billions of dollars in benefits were handed out in secret, using questionable and surprisingly elastic criteria, with little supervision and to very little useful purpose.

The Auditor General's findings have exposed that government mismanagement is putting not only the financial well being of Canadians at risk but also their safety and health.

Denis Desautels has concluded that the cash-poor and weakly managed Immigration Department also has no reliable system of weeding out fraud or undesirable immigrants at its foreign offices. As a result, Canadians are not being adequately protected from crime and disease because of lax screening of potential immigrants.

What adds insult to the Auditor General's findings is the government's continued efforts to defend their flagrant mismanagement of wasteful spending of tax dollars while essential services, valuable industries and individual Canadians face crisis situations.

Hospital line-ups, bankrupt farmers, child poverty and an increase in homeless Canadians are the devastating results of the Liberal government's flippant mismanagement of this country, its scarce resources and our hard earned dollars.

FROM THE MAILBAG

Health and Wellness Minister backing Bill 11

Dear Editor:

The Alberta Legislature is now in the process of a full and thorough debate on Bill 11, the Health Care Protection Act. This debate includes a clause by clause review by a committee of all MLAs, with the opportunity for amendments to be introduced.

Government itself has already introduced a package of amendments to further strengthen the protection that the Bill provides for Alberta's publicly funded health system. And it should be noted that the Bill has received more debating

time at second reading than any other legislation in the recent history of Alberta.

Albertans have been subjected to a great deal of comment on the Bill since its introduction on March 2, some of it distorted or badly misinformed. I would therefore like to outline why government brought forward this legislation and what it means for Alberta's health system.

We need Bill 11 because, at this time, we have no legislated authority to regulate and control private surgical facilities or private hospitals. Right now, if

a private surgical facility is accredited by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, it could set up shop and there is absolutely nothing the Alberta Government could say or do about it.

Bill 11 bans private hospitals and regulates other surgical facilities so that they could only operate when there is a benefit to the public system.

In regulating those surgical facilities, Bill 11 also provides health authorities with one more option as they seek to improve the delivery of publicly funded and publicly administered surgical services. Health authorities must make sure that they spend the public health funding they receive in the most responsible manner possible - and Bill 11 would help give them the flexibility they need to deal with the challenges of today and of this new century.

Contracts with surgical facilities - which would perform only less complex surgeries - would free up public hospital operating rooms for more complex procedures that require sophisticated resources such as diagnostic, emergency, laboratory, medical and intensive care services. This would help reduce waiting times for those more complex procedures.

At the same time, more of the minor procedures would also be done. Specialized surgical facilities, under contract to the public system, can plan and provide elective surgery without the rescheduling and delays that occur in full service hospitals when emergencies and urgent medical needs arise.

The legislation does not say that the health authorities must contract with surgical facilities. It simply offers an option to contract with such facilities - if the health authorities have evidence that there would be a benefit in doing so. Only those contracts that would reduce waiting lists in the public system, improve access to publicly funded services or increase the

efficiency delivery of services would be approved. Bill 11 ensures that there will be no two-tier health system for Alberta, affirms the Government of Alberta's commitment to the principles of the Canada Health Act and protects equitable access to publicly funded health care for all Albertans.

The Bill puts into law that Albertans will not have to pay for medically necessary surgery. It ensures that the rich are not treated more favorably than other Albertans. In other words, there will not be one health system for the wealthy and another one for the poor.

In fact, one of the amendments introduced by government makes it illegal to get faster access to a medically necessary surgery by purchasing an uninsured service or by purchasing an enhanced product or service that is not medically necessary. Another government amendment limits charges for enhanced products and services to only the product cost and a small administration fee, so that there would be no opportunity for profiteering from the sale of these products, either in a public hospital or a surgical facility.

A third government amendment requires that health authorities consider the most efficient use of existing space in their public hospitals before considering contracting with a surgical facility. This ensures that public hospital operating rooms and beds are used in the most efficient and effective manner.

Bill 11 protects and improves the public health care system. It protects Alberta's health care system from foreign domination with safeguards that allow government to veto ownership of surgical facilities that might harm the public health system.

This legislation prohibits in law any American-style health care where people must buy expensive insurance coverage or pay from their own pockets. It protects Albertans from ever

having to go back to the days before Medicare when patients had to pay their own medical bills.

And contrary to allegations by opponents of Bill 11, the Alberta government will not be deinsuring any surgical services. We are committed to maintaining and enhancing the medically necessary services that are available now. Alberta has the broadest range of publicly funded health services of any province in Canada and we are going to keep it that way.

At the same time, it is also important to understand that provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement protect Alberta's publicly funded health system in three separate ways. After ten years of operation no health service issues have ever been raised under NAFTA. Again, contrary to fear-mongering claims by opponents of the government, there are no implications under NAFTA for Bill 11.

Finally, all Albertans should be aware that Bill 11 is but one part of a major six-point plan for health, which forms the foundation for the province's future health system. It is a foundation built on decisions made in partnership with Albertans. It is a foundation that includes funding increases for the health system of \$1.75 billion, or 45% over the past five years, with another \$600 million increase in the next two years.

Our government is committed to protecting and improving Alberta's publicly funded health system and Bill 11 helps us to achieve that objective. It doesn't solve all the problems facing our health system. It is simply one more tool that we need to build a better health system for the future. Indeed, there is no other provincial legislation in Canada, which goes as far to protect public health care as does Alberta's Bill 11.

Yours sincerely,
Halvar C. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness

Secrecy rather ironic

Dear Editor,

On March 20/2000 I attended the Canada Wheat Board District 2 Director's meeting in Innisfail, Ab. Mr. James Chatenay is the director in District 2. It was a supper meeting capable of accommodating approximately 350 people in a district with over 15,000 producers. Why only one meeting? Chatenay claimed his reason was to save money, however, it didn't service many producers. Three coffee and doughnut meetings would have been much better. District 2 extends from just north of Drayton Valley and Leduc to just south of Pincher Creek.

As soon as the meeting started, it became obvious that the majority of the people there were not interested in the new policies of the Wheat Board. They were there mainly to slam the Board. Many of the comments and questions bordered on the ridiculous. One such question was "why did Quebec and Ontario pull out of the Board?"

Mr. Chatenay must have assumed his position was rather weak. The Chatenay Import Company brought in anti-wheat board activists from other districts in Alberta, and also from the provinces of Saskatchewan and Manitoba. These people made up over 30% of the participants. When the meeting started these activists were at the lone microphone immediately. I understand they were organized in a secret meeting earlier in the day. I find it rather ironic that the very people who complain about secrecy at the Board would indulge in it themselves.

If they really want to complain about secrecy perhaps they should target chemical companies, oil companies, CN and CP rail, grain companies and our Provincial and Federal Governments to name a few.

Sincerely yours,
George A. Calvin,
New Norway, AB

Best man for the job

Dear Editor,

Why would anyone leave the old PC Party to join the group led by Preston Manning? That was precisely my question. In 1994 I attended the first reorganization convention of the PC Party in Ottawa. After the disaster of the 1993 federal election, it should have seen the party starting from scratch. Instead the big event was the anointing of Jean Charest. Look where Jean Charest is today.

Preston Manning made an impression on me in 1994 when I first met him. I was then the Mayor of the City of Dauphin, Manitoba, a life-long Progressive Conservative, both at the provincial and federal level; vice-president of the federal PC riding association and co-chair of their '93 election campaign.

So who would you choose to lead Canada into the next Millennium - entertaining options or a person who inspires extraordinary courage and action from ordinary people?

Yours sincerely,
Inky Mark, M.P.
Dauphin-Swan River

What I had read about this man was far removed from the reality.

Because the news industry in this country thrives on creating controversy, Preston Manning and the Reform Party of Canada receive the short end of the stick by most media.

Fighting these odds they revolutionized politics in Canada. Together courageous small conservatives and reformers created the Canadian Alliance, a governing alternative to the Liberals. Preston Manning inspired them.

Preston Manning is a man of intelligence and vision that none can rival. Still the media continue to spin stories around entertaining options in their search for controversy.

So who would you choose to lead Canada into the next Millennium - entertaining options or a person who inspires extraordinary courage and action from ordinary people?

TOWN OF DIDSBUY PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE LAND USE BY-LAW

The Town of Didsbury is pleased to announce that the draft of our new Land Use By-Law is ready for public review. There are two open houses scheduled to present the draft and receive public input to the new document. Once information is received the Municipal Planning Commission will present the bylaw to council for adoption and further public hearings.

DATE: April 29, 2000
LOCATION: Five-O Club, 2500 - 15 Avenue
TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

The purpose of the Open House is to present the draft of the proposed new Land Use By-Law that the Town of Didsbury has been working on over the last year. The Land Use By-Law is a by-law that sets out various land use districts for residential, commercial, industrial, recreation, and institutional uses and contains the rules and regulations that govern development within these districts. The Land Use By-Law is the document that will implement the policies of the Town's new Municipal Development Plan.

This is your opportunity to participate in the preparation of a new Land Use By-Law for the Town of Didsbury. Please join us to discuss this document.

For more information, please call the Planning and Development Department at 335-3391.

FROM THE
MAILBAG

Notes from Nigeria



Dear Friends,
Happy Easter! What a wonderful time of year, as we remember the dramatic events of 2000 years ago. He is risen!

There are just a few days left before we leave Nigeria for North America.

However, there are still quite a few things on our "to do" lists. Some of these may not get done. We've both been kind of sickly this week. Dan went to the doctor on Wednesday and was diagnosed with

chloroquine-resistant malaria, low blood pressure, and an irregular heartbeat. He's been taking quinine which tends to reduce one's energy. He's somewhat better, but gets tired easily.

Janet is developing a sinus infection which causes congestion and coughing. Again, it also reduces the energy level as the body fights the infection. We have been very grateful for help from many sources. Janet covered Dan's classes on Thursday, but had help from the lady who will take over when Dan is gone. Others have helped with meals and offers to do whatever they can to make our last few days easier.

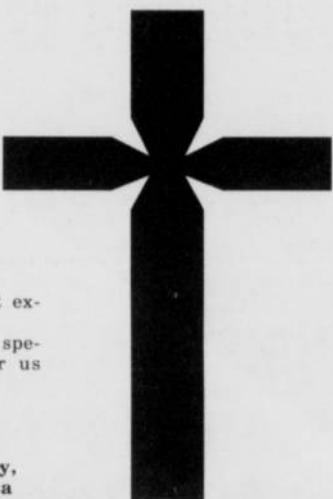
This weekend was also the time for our annual mission meeting. There are only a few of us, but it's good to get together and talk about what has been done and what we hope to do. As well, there were decisions that needed to be made about finances and future plans. There were times to think about our spiritual condition, and plenty of time to enjoy each other's company. It has been a profitable time.

We also had a couple of good rains this week. On Wednesday there was some marble-sized hail with the rain. Friday night it was just rain. In both cases, the temperature went down dramatically, and we're grateful. It should start raining regularly quite soon, and things will get all green and lush. Probably by the time we return at the end of July, our back yard will look like a jungle! There are some bougainvillea shrubs that were planted a couple of years ago as part of perimeter security. It looks like they will grow quite a bit this rainy season—good!

We again have heard very positive things about President Obasanjo. He remains true to his commitments, and we pray that he will have the courage and wisdom needed to guide this country of over 100 million people. Certainly there are many problems and some of these are long-standing. However, if people have reason to hope, it makes almost anything bearable. We are encouraged that the future of Nigeria will be brighter. Even now several things are much improved, like immigration and travel through airports. We are particularly pleased about these improvements.

We look forward to our time at home visiting with many of you. We also look forward to returning to Nigeria. We like it here. This is where we feel that God has called us to be. Thanks for your prayers and support.

Sincerely,
Dan & Janet

Praise for the
Passion Play

Dear Editor,

Thank you, once again, to the Redeemer Lutheran Church for the moving presentation of the Easter Celebration. We can only imagine the work and dedication that went into this showing of the Passion Play with us.

Thank you for sharing your gifts with us and beginning our Easter week with such a meaningful presentation and what a wonderful

way to share the deep love of our Saviour with those who perhaps have not yet experienced it.

This has become a special presentation for us each year.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Margaret Fradley,
Didsbury, Alberta

TOWN OF DIDSBUY

Town Office: 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. 335-3391
Shop Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Landfill Site Hours: 1 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat.

Didsbury Aquatic Centre Schedule 335-8653
Memorial Complex & Aquatic Centre 335-7369

Library Hours: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tues.-Sat. 335-3142
10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Wed.
Lions Recycling Centre 335-8193
Main Street Project Office 335-3285
Rosebud Valley Campground 335-8578

I, Raymond B. Lea of the Town of Didsbury, do hereby Proclaim the week of May 1st to May 6th, 2000 as National Mental Health Week.

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it is the purpose of the designation of this day throughout the Town of Didsbury to encourage the planting of shade and forest trees; and

WHEREAS through the cooperation of all residents of the Town of Didsbury, the beneficial effects of tree plantings and proper cultivation of our existing trees, we can pass on an enduring heritage of a vital natural resource to succeeding generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Raymond Lea, Mayor of the Town of Didsbury do hereby proclaim May 6 as ARBOR DAY in the Town of Didsbury, and urge everyone able to do so to observe this day by the planting of one or more trees and by participating in the Arbor Day event.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of the Town of Didsbury on this 15 day of March, in the year of Our Lord two thousand.

MAYOR RAYMOND LEA

New Development Permit Applications

The following Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:

DP 31 - 00 1801 - 16 Street Garage Demolition & Construction R2

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Ave. or by calling 335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing to the secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on May 10, 2000.

Robert Wigg - Development Officer.

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Town Office
Town of Didsbury
Public Meetings

Regular Council: May 17
Community Services: Apr. 25
M.P.C.: May 10
Corporate Services: May 9

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The Trans Canada trail relay 2000 is on its way

Soon Canada's largest Millennium Celebration will be arriving in the Didsbury area

On April 7, 2000 the second leg of the Trans Canada Trail Relay 2000 was launched in Victoria's Inner Harbour with a spectacular water drawing ceremony and two full days of citywide celebrations.

The Trans Canada Trail Relay 2000 is Canada's signature millennium project. Ocean water is being drawn from the three oceans that border Canada and relayed hand over hand by 5,000 Canadians along

the route of the Trans Canada Trail.

Ultimately all three water vessels will be joined together in the National Capital Region where they will be ceremoniously poured into a newly constructed Trans Canada Trail Fountain.

The first leg of this exciting national relay began under the great white northern spotlight in Tuktoyaktuk, NWT on February 19th with the drawing

of Arctic Ocean water. Since being launched in the North West Territories, Trans Canada Trail Relay 2000 has been received with enthusiasm and great fanfare in more than 30 communities across the North West Territories, northern British Columbia and northern Alberta.

"The Trans Canada Trail Relay 2000 is an inspiring event that unites Canadians in a common undertaking" said the Honorable Herb Gray, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister responsible for the Government of Canada's millennium initiative. "Canadians' pride in our achievements is sure to grow as thousands of people carry water from our three oceans to the National Capital Region. The Government of Canada is pleased to support the Trans Canada Trail Foundation with a contribution of \$7,725,500 through its Canada Millennium Partnership Program."

The partnership program funds up to one third of the eligible costs of millennium projects that meet its criteria. With communities, non-governmental organizations and the private sector, it supports initiatives that raise awareness of our history, support our youth and our arts and culture, and enhance our environment and the development of our communities.

The Relay will weave through the province of Alberta visiting over 78 communities each with its own unique celebration, between March 13th and May 23rd before moving into Saskatchewan, continuing east to its final destination in the National Capital Region.

Marilyn Fisher, President of Alberta Home and School Councils' Association which represents over 100,000 parents from schools across the province, says that last week's announcement by Learning Minister Oberg shows that he has listened well to the advice given by parents and other education partners regarding the School Council Review Recommendations.

AHSCA has actively supported and participated in the School Council review process since it began in the fall of 1998. Our parent members have the greatest stake in seeing the ongoing recognition and growth of school councils as forums for meaningful involvement of parents and community in children's education at local schools.

Our members, through our annual policy-setting process, have called on government to:

- ensure inservice training for school councils

- training materials for school councils be developed with collaboration, input, and/or review from all stakeholders involved in school councils

- training and new funding for such training for school councils be made available to AHSCA early in each new school year, so that all school council members can understand the collaborative and important roles they play in education in Alberta

- ensure the accountability of principals to involve parents and members of the community in key education decisions

- principals must seek the advice of the school council in

the development, implementation and monitoring of the school three year education plan, school budget and the annual results review

- principals must provide the school council with the necessary information to provide advice regarding these key education decisions in a timely and supportive manner

- school council report annually the process used to consult them regarding these key education decisions

- recognize, support and promote Councils Of School Councils - in each school jurisdiction

- follow up on school council review recommendations - action planning developed and implemented collaboratively between Alberta Learning and AHSCA

- update the School Council Resource Manual

- Alberta Learning commission AHSCA to update and expand the School Council Resource Manual to address the expressed needs of school councils

- AHSCA consult with other educational stakeholders prior to manual production

- updates to the School Council Resource Manual focus on, but not be limited to, a process to involve the school community in school improvement

- fund school council operations

- new financial support, annually, in the amount of \$1500 per school council for school council operations, in publicly funded schools under the jurisdiction of an Alberta school board.

- principals must seek the advice of the school council in

nation in the National Capital Region.

The Relay will arrive in Didsbury, Carstairs and Crossfield on May 12th. Each community is planning to welcome the arrival in a unique way. All members of the communities are welcome to participate in this historic event.

The Community of Airdrie will be the final stop on May 12th. The relay will participate in a "Country Fair".

Activities include a barbecue, mini relays, a tug of war, fireworks, and a pie eating contest, and "Pack the Trail" to name a few.

The festivities will take place in Nose Creek Park.

The relay will continue to travel both southward and eastward and will pass through more than 800 community celebrations along the way.

The third leg of the Relay will begin on May 5th when Atlantic Ocean water will be

drawn from Cape Spear in Newfoundland.

On September 9th in the year 2000, the waters from the three oceans that border Canada will come together in our nation's capital. Five thousand carriers will have travelled over 16,000 km through every province and territory and towns and communities to this symbolic finale.

What gives this relay its power and its everlasting legacy is not the end of the event, but the beginning it represents: to reach the goal, thousands of Canadians will have bound together their lives through an everlasting national dream.

Canadians can follow the Relay on the Web at www.tctrail.ca and join the hundreds of celebrations in towns and cities all along the Trans Canada Trail as the Relay 2000 adventure fosters a renewed sense of community pride, national spirit and millennium excitement.

SENIORS' DAY

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GOOD FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

The annual Spring Banquet, hosted by the Didsbury and District Historical Society, was successful once again this year. Many people turned out to enjoy a fabulous roast beef dinner and to spend some time with friends.

Photos by Nicole Smith



Chamber of Commerce Notes

By Marge St. Clair

Guests this month included Gerard Fournier-For Trees Company (also a new member of the Didsbury Environmental Board), Roy and Sheri Romanov-Double R Exteriors, and Laura Bales from Subway.

Guest Speaker Gerard Fournier

1. His business, For Trees Company, recently expanded with the purchase of Molenaar nursery stock & land.

2. Noted that Mr. Grant McEwan was instrumental in the revival of Arbor Day in Alberta.

3. May 6 has been declared Arbor Day in Didsbury. A work bee will be held at the Habitat Renewal project area in the morning to plant new vegetation, and maintenance to the existing vegetation. At noon there will be a ceremonial presentation with Mayor Ray Lea, Lt. Governor of Alberta, Lois Hole, MLA Richard Marz, and MP Myron Thompson, have also been invited.

4. Trees Canada is a granting agency and funding will be applied for the 2001 Arbor Day celebrations.

The Chamber will donate funds for purchase of shrubbery for 2000.

Standing Comm. Reports

1. Trade Show-This year's Trade show was a great show!

2. Agriculture- Bill Parker-Ag Society is selling tickets on Bred Heifer/Cash Raffles, draws will take place at midnight on Sat. Aug. 19th, at the Fair and Rodeo.

3. Show and Shine-Donations

for prizes can be dropped off at Didsbury Esso, or call Dave Mohr, at 335-3265.

4. Main Street- Dave Mohr Tenders for refinishing the Wheatland Restaurant Bldg. AGT Bldg. and the Burnside Bldg., will be posted.

5. Town of Didsbury-Revised land use bylaw is available for review at the Town Office. Dates for 2 open houses have been set.

6. The CAEP Reverse Trade Show will be held in Red Deer on May 16th at the Capri Centre from 5:00pm-9:00pm.

7. Beverly Pentz will attend the open house for Accredited Supports to the Community, on April 28, from 12:00 pm-4:00pm. at 1709-15th Ave.

8. The Didsbury Chamber supports the Leduc Chamber in petitioning the Government to reinvest in tourism in Alberta.

9. Only 3 evaluation sheets have been returned so far!!

10. "In the Bag Promotion"- did not work in Okotoks, and

will not be initiated here.

New Business

1. Mill Rate Changes Recommendation will be forwarded to Town Council.

2. Chamber Satellite

The Executive Comm. is looking into providing the Cremona-Water Valley Chamber of Commerce publication "The Chamber Satellite" with a quarterly report on the happenings of the D&D Cof C.

3. Table and Chair Set Up

Dan will contact the Christian Women's Club, that the set up as done by the Accredited Supports to the Community is most acceptable.

Membership Draw Spotlight

Mr. Roy Romanov of Double R Exteriors has 4 full time employees specializing in quality, not quantity in all aspects of exterior finishing.

Will be moving into office space in the Didsbury Mini Storage lot, and will be developing a showroom.

Lodge News

by Annie Caush

Hi all! Just when we thought spring was here we get winter! At least we should be thankful we don't have to go outside and most of us keep busy with the various activities and entertainment we have here. The April Birthday Party was hosted by Auxiliary members with musical entertainment provided by Marlene Greenlar. Those celebrating April Birthdays are Avis Collin, Lena Leischner, Edna Ircia and Willy Watt. Happy Birthday all! We have also had ladies from the Anglican, Catholic and United Churches visit us in the past two weeks and provide entertainment and goodies. Thanks so much! One afternoon we had a demonstration on decorating Ukrainian Easter eggs. It was very interesting and several residents now have their own Ukrainian Easter egg. Thanks Maryanne. We have also had two groups to play and sing for us - "The Soft Shoe Band" and "Fred Bay and Friends." Thanks all! In hospital we have Florence Hudson. We hope you feel better soon.

Didsbury Municipal Library News

Hey kids storytime is starting again on May 3.

All the children ages 3 - 5 are invited to the library for 45 minutes of stories and crafts. Moms please come in and sign up your children.

We are starting a series of introductory computer courses beginning with "A taste of computing - word". The first session is Monday, June 5. Come to the library to register.

The cost is \$5.00. Learn how to use Microsoft word processing in a two hour session.

Let us know of other computer related courses you would like to learn about.

We have some new books at the library. Well known author Nevada Barr's "Deep South". Park Range Anna Pigeon stumbles upon a gruesome murder with frightening racial overtones in the latest installment of this award-winning series.

Harold Coyle's new book "God's children" is also in. "God's children" is the story of a high-tech warfare set in the near future. The 3rd Platoon, C Company, 2nd Battalion of the 13th Infantry, and two young officers who attempt to keep a peace that is falling apart before their very eyes.





At The Kitchen Table

by
Noreen Olson

My first "At The Kitchen Table" appeared in The Didsbury Pioneer on January 7, 1981. It was mostly an introduction and explained that since our really important stuff happened "at the kitchen table" we had decided to use that as the Column Head. In my 1981 picture I have dark, shoulder-length hair and big glasses with dark frames. I'm wearing my favorite navy and white print that I finally had to give away because it was some industrial strength polyester that never wore out and I had been wearing it for about 10 years. My dear friend Alice once asked me how many dresses I had in that fabric. That picture continues until January 18th, 1984 when I began using a Ruth Jepson black and white sketch, whiter hair, big, rimless glasses.

By April 30 1986 I'm with The Didsbury Review. When Gene and Brad bought the Pioneer I went along, as part of the package and never missed an issue. Bessie Eckstrand and I are probably their oldest employees. I don't know how many editors I have outlived! In early 1986 I'm still using the Ruth Jepson Sketch but it was fading bit and on Aug. 6, 86 we switched to a close up photo with very white hair, big earrings and pearls. That only lasted to Dec. 10 of '86 when we changed to a photo without glasses. Since the only time I am without glasses is when I'm in the shower this was hardly the typical me, and every time I saw Glen Ray he told me what a poor picture that was. Poor as it was I continued to use it until April 18 1995 when I switched to the photo you see at the head of this column. Glen was right we should have done it much sooner. I think I have different glasses now, but the hair cut and color remain the same. Unless they will let me use one that was done by Parkland Photo's when I was 19, I have no plans to go with another picture.

I began the column hoping that I could keep it up for a year I made a list of subjects that I could refer to if I got stuck, but in all this time I have only taken three or four things off the list and I eventually misplaced it. I was writing mostly for my Mom and for my husband's Mom, because they thought I was wonderful and I hated to disillusion them. I still think of them when I am writing and maybe they have influenced me too much. I sometimes think I come across as a bit prudish but it's almost impossible to be even marginally earthy or touch the surface of poor taste, when you feel your Mother looking over your shoulder I have missed only one column in all this time and that was the week that my Mother died.

In twenty years we have been through sickness and health, births and deaths' marriages and divorce, beginnings and endings, moving and graduations, gained new friends, lost old ones. The columns have covered all those subjects and more. There have been lots of animals and birds, gardens, dreams, disappointments, major accomplishments and minor irritations. Because of the column I have become fairly well known as a speaker and I have traveled all over Alberta talking to an enormous variety of groups on any number of subjects. I have met wonderful people and Ralph and I have been Royally entertained in parts of the Province that we would never have seen otherwise. Without the columns the Books would not have existed and the Sixth one will be out in May. The two Mom's would be so proud. Well maybe, my mom might think 6 is a bit ostentatious!

This is my five hundredth column. I write every other week so this represents one thousand weeks. The columns are approximately 700 words so that's 350,000 words. At the end of this year I will have been writing At The Kitchen Table for twenty years. I fully intend to finish this year, health and sanity permitting, and I will probably want to continue past that point but nothing lasts forever and twenty years is a very long time to do anything even if it is something you love.

Where did all those words come from? Where did all that time go?

Don't be singing the blues over a lost pet... place a FREE Lost & Found Ad in

The Didsbury

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Support for someone in need

Victim services helps those affected by crime.

The effects of a crime does not end when the criminal is arrested and convicted.

The victim has to carry on whether the crime was a robbery or the loss of a loved one due to criminal actions. They must try to bring some normalcy back into their lives. When families and friends are faced with traumatic situations, they may not know where to turn.

The RCMP are often the first to respond to these situations, their concern is with the investigation of the crime and arresting the criminal. There is a program that compliments the RCMP and can help these victims to recover from the incident and continue on with their lives. This program is Chinook Arch Victims' Services and covers the Didsbury, Olds and Sundre RCMP Detachment areas.

Many of these victims don't know where to start and by offering the support of the Victim Service program to these victims, they are able to receive the attention and support they need at a crucial time. This intervention may prevent these victims from being revictimized and having a total recovery from the effects of the crime or tragic event that occurred.

Victim Services not only helps the victim but also helps the RCMP enabling them to con-

tinue with their work in the investigation and knowing support is being given to those who have lost a loved one or their belongings in a fire or theft. The Victim Service Support Workers can provide support, information and refer the victim to other agencies within the local area for professional assistance. The Support Workers do not give this professional assistance, they are not counsellors.

Support Workers have extensive and ongoing training to allow them to deal with most victims they may encounter.

The RCMP ensure the workers are not placed in any dangerous situations. The training covers such issues as dealing with victims of spousal and sexual assaults, robberies, child abuse, sudden deaths, supporting families where a suicide occurred, how to plan a funeral, how to fill out a victim impact statement, how investigations are conducted plus much more. Support Workers may have to transport victims, accompany them to an agency or give support during court. Many times these victims have never been faced with a crime or the issues surrounding victimization and to have someone help and support them lessens the fears they may have.

Being a volunteer with Victim Services is rewarding knowing that you have helped someone in need. There are 17 trained

Support Workers in the Chinook Arch Service area which provides services to the areas covered by the Didsbury, Olds and Sundre RCMP Detachments. They have put in over 5000 volunteer hours over the past two years, showing their support and belief in the program.

The victims have been very appreciative of the services offered. Many say they were thankful for the support the Victim Services workers gave to them when they needed it the most.

Volunteers are welcome

Chinook Arch Victim Services can always find a place for volunteers. There is a need for volunteer frontline Support Workers in the Didsbury, Sundre and Olds RCMP Detachment areas. The coordinator of Chinook Arch Victim Services would like to have 8 volunteers from each detachment area to complete the list of active Support Workers.

It is hoped that these volunteers can be trained in late summer or early fall. Volunteers also sit on the Chinook Arch Victim Service Board, the board sees to the policy making, funding and maintenance of the program.

For information on Chinook Arch Victims' Services or to volunteer, contact Betty Fawns, Program Coordinator of Chinook Arch Victims' Services at 556-6777.

Foldable lens now paid for by provincial health system

The foldable intraocular lens sometimes used in cataract surgery will now be fully paid for by the public health system announced Health and Wellness Minister Halvar Jonson.

Stated Jonson, "Following a review of the foldable lens I have determined that this lens has clear medical benefit to patients and will therefore be part of the standard cataract service paid for by the publicly funded health system. It will ensure a consistent approach across the province."

Until now the rigid lens, implanted as part of the surgical removal of cataracts, has been the standard product paid for in Alberta's health system. The relatively new foldable lens had been considered an optional product, paid for by the patient in some regions and paid for by the health authority in others.

Said Jonson "Effective April 12, 2000, the foldable lens will be paid for by the publicly funded health system when used as part of cataract surgery, similar to the rigid lens. There will be no charges to patients for this product, whether the cataract surgery is performed in a public hospital or in a surgical facility under contract to a public hospital."

Dr. Larry Ohlhauser, Registrar of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta

said "The foldable lens has benefits to the patient in the immediate post-operative period, both reducing recovery time and easing pain. It is therefore not unreasonable to include it as medically necessary."

Jonson added, "The public funding of the foldable lens gives Albertans access to new developments and technology in the field of cataract surgery. Our publicly funded health system in Alberta will

continue to add new treatments, new drugs and new products when clear evidence exists that there is medical need, or medical benefits to patients."

The rigid and foldable lens will now be considered clinically interchangeable, based on decisions by physicians, with no charges to patients for either product. It is estimated the change will cost Alberta's health system an additional \$3.0 million a year.

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Immunization - One of Life's Choices

Not long ago, infectious diseases were rampant; they killed people all over the world. Parents today don't remember this but there are still many senior citizens who can tell you heart breaking stories of losing a child to diphtheria or some other childhood disease. We are fortunate indeed that we don't have to lay awake at night and worry, which one of our children will not survive to the age of five. All of this has been accomplished through immunization.

Before 1920, diphtheria was one of the main causes of the death of children. The bacteria is spread by coughing or sneezing. Healthy people can be carriers of diphtheria. The diphtheria causing bacteria releases a toxin, it is this toxin that causes a thick leathery membrane to form in the throat of the victim. It can become so large that it blocks the airway and the child dies of suffocation. Even with treatment, about 10% of the cases are fatal. Approximately 20% of the children who are vaccinated will have discomfort at the injection site, less than 10% will develop a fever.

Tetanus bacteria produce spores, which are able to survive in soil and dust for many years. One third of all soil samples contain tetanus spores, they are also found in household and hospital dust. The spores cannot be killed by boiling or by many disinfectants and they can enter the body through a very minor break in the skin such as a scratch. Tetanus toxin is a nerve poison and one of the most powerful poisons in nature. It causes muscle spasms severe enough to break bones and leads to breathing problems and choking. The death rate from tetanus, even with treatment in a modern intensive care unit is 20%. The vaccine can cause serious allergic reactions in 1/100,000 immunizations, none of which ever caused death.

Outbreaks of pertussis, or whooping cough as it is commonly known, happen every three to five years in Canada. Two thirds of cases occur between July and December. Pertussis is spread by coughing or sneezing and 90% of those who are susceptible, that are not immunized, will get it if exposed. The most frightening part is that as many as 25% of coughing adults are the main source of infection of infants and young children. Unfortunately, once coughing spells have started, antibiotic treatment does not stop them. The typical illness lasts six to twelve weeks. Very young infants may have spells where they stop breathing instead of coughing. Complications and deaths from pertussis are most common in infants less than six months of age, in fact 5% of the children in this age group die of the disease. Several deaths occur in Canada every year. This clearly demonstrates the fact that a child should start immunizations at two months as recommended by Health Canada. With immunization less than 6% of the children experience side effects such as fever, crying, redness, swelling or pain at the injection site. There is no scientific evidence

that pertussis vaccine causes brain damage, contrary to the belief of some people opposed to immunization.

Before 1985, haemophilus influenza type b (HIB) was the most common cause of bacterial meningitis in children in Canada. There were about 1500 cases a year. By 1996 the number of cases was only eight, a decrease of 98% because of immunization. Another life threatening condition caused by the HIB bacteria is epiglottitis, a disease marked by rapid and severe swelling in the throat, which leads to suffocation without emergency treatment. The bacteria are spread by coughing and sneezing. Healthy people can be carriers; in fact most healthy carriers are children under the age of five. HIB meningitis can only be confirmed with a lumbar puncture. During this procedure a long needle is inserted into the spinal column to obtain a sample of the cerebral spinal fluid. Once confirmed, all family members are treated with antibiotics. 85% of cases occur in very young children; most are between six and twelve months. After the second immunization at four months protective levels are up to 93%. This is another very important reason to start at two months and remain on schedule. 5% of the children with HIB meningitis die even with treatment - all die without treatment. Of the survivors, one-third are left brain damaged. The vaccine is extremely safe, 5% of children have redness and pain at the injection site, and 2% of children have a fever.

Red measles is an extremely contagious disease, but since measles vaccine was licensed in 1963, there has been a dramatic decline in the number of cases in all countries with a routine immunization program. Measles is spread very easily from person to person because the measles virus is able to survive in small droplets in the air for several hours. Over 90% of non-immune people will catch measles once exposed. Measles is still the leading cause of vaccine preventable deaths worldwide. Measles is a severe illness in children, bronchitis occurs in almost every case. Encephalitis, an intense inflammation of the brain, occurs in about 1/100 cases of measles: of these children, one third will die and one third will have permanent brain damage. There is no treatment for measles encephalitis. The risk of getting encephalitis after measles vaccine is less than 1/1,000,000 doses. More common side effects are fever and rash, which 5-10% of children develop. The measles vaccine is 95% effective.

Because of immunization paralytic polio has been eradicated from the Western Hemisphere and most developed countries. The World Health Organization's goal is for global eradication within the next decade.

The most serious problem caused by rubella or German measles occurs if a non-immune mother is infected during the first three months of pregnancy. The virus can affect the fetus causing death or severe malfor-

mations in 85% of cases. Immunization has decreased the incidence of this condition, known as congenital rubella syndrome by 99%.

In spite of a successful history and indisputable evidence supporting the benefits of immunization, there are a growing number of vocal opponents to vaccination. This is alarming because the germs that cause disease are constantly circulating in our environment. Immunization only prevents these diseases from occurring. It is a fact that children are more likely to be harmed by the disease than by the vaccine that prevents the disease. However, there are many misbeliefs about the value and safety of vaccination. One such popular belief is that better sanitation; not immunization is responsible for the decrease in communicable disease. Chicken pox can be used to illustrate the point that this is a false rationale. Modern sanitation has not prevented almost all children getting this disease sometime in childhood just as they did 100 years ago.

A frequently asked question is whether immunization causes seizures. Immunizations do not cause seizures, however, a small number of children experience fever as a side effect of immunization and fever of any origin can trigger convulsions or seizures in about 3% of children. However, it is important to note that seizures caused by fever DO NOT cause brain damage.

Brain damage caused by vaccine is a common fear among parents who are hesitant to immunize. A study in the United Kingdom was unable to find a single case of permanent brain damage that was the result of immunization. The Canadian Pediatric Society explains that vaccine has been incorrectly blamed for causing brain damage because the diagnosis of conditions such as cerebral palsy, mental retardation or development delay are usually

not made until the infant is several months old; by that time, the infant has already received one or more immunizations.

Similarly, immunization has been blamed for causing Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). Most cases of SIDS occur in infants less than six months old, the same time period in

which babies start immunization. This is a coincidental event; there is no scientific evidence to link the two; in fact several large studies have found that babies who died of SIDS were less likely to have been vaccinated recently than babies in a control group. Researchers have

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WE'VE CHANGED OUR NAME!!!!

The Olds and District Food Bank has changed its name to the Mountain View Food Bank Society to better represent its service area. Only our name has changed. The hours of operation, Tuesday and Friday, 10 am to 12 noon and the outlet in the Old Provincial Building remain the same.

Since this is the only food bank currently operating in our County, the directors felt the new name would more accurately reflect the enormous support we receive from all the communities as well as the persons eligible for our service.

For example, in 1999, communities served were:
Olds 461 hampers
Didsbury 332 hampers
Sundre 204 hampers
Carstairs 43 hampers
Cremona 41 hampers
Other 38 hampers

*Hopefully, our new name will
seem "old hat" soon!*





**R/C Funflyers
presents their raffle
winner**

The club held the draw for their Raffle at the Didsbury Trade Show 2000.

The winner of the Sig Kadet model airplane kit, Airtronics radio and Thunder Tiger engine was John Friesen from Chestermere.

This is the clubs second annual raffle for a complete airplane kit with engine and radio.

The Didsbury R/C Fun Flyers Club maintains an airfield north of Didsbury for urban and rural model enthusiasts from throughout the County of Mountain View.

Alberta Library Week, May 1-7

It's Library Week! A time to learn, read and celebrate all that our libraries have to offer and to recognize the vital contribution they make to our communities. Their storied past has taught us they are more than just books, they are the catalysts for communities to learn and grow together - to connect words with worlds.

This special week was established to raise awareness of library, services and promote lifelong learning. This year's theme "reading is smart technology" encourages individuals and organizations to explore the many new services available at libraries.

"Libraries can be proud of their accomplishments. They

are leaders in assessing and serving the information needs of people in their communities," says Community Development Minister, Stan Woloshyn. "They are a remarkable resource for all Albertans, in a very complex and changing society."

Libraries will be hosting special activities to celebrate Alberta Library Week. Albertans are encouraged to contact their local libraries to find out more about festivities and library services in their communities. Library Week runs May 1-7.

Royal Purple news

April Meeting was called to order by H.R.L. Sue Pratt. A prayer was said for Betty Casebeer. Get well soon. We miss you. Congratulations to Alberta Provincial Ladies Curling Team. They won 2nd at Saskatchewan Congs. To ladies Sharon McLean, Tracy Nelson, Linda Georgie and Karen Smith. Karen is from Didsbury Lodge. We are very proud of you Karen and the rest of your team. See you at Provincials next year.

Royal Purple gave donations to Jessie Ahlgren, Jennifer Lunt, and Zella Girls. The Review was on hand to take pictures. A \$500 cheque from Elks and Royal Purple Fund for children was made to the Aquatic Centre by Didsbury Royal Purple. Birthdays for April: Ethel Reinhardt, Shirley Thompson, Dorothy Sheils, Irene Dickau. Door prizes were won by Vi B., Tammy B., and Annie P. Royal Purple ladies will be selling van tickets on May 13 at the Curling Rink. Meeting adjourned at 10:30. Lunch and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

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Focus on the Family



James C. Dobson, PH. D., is founder and president of Focus on the Family, a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home. Dr. Dobson is married, the father of two grown children, and resides in Colorado. For 14 years he was an associate clinical professor of pediatrics and the university of Southern California School of Medicine, and served for 17 years on the attending staff of the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. He has also been heavily involved in governmental activities relating to the preservation of the family.

QUESTION: Boy! Do I understand the perspective on homework you discussed last week. The greatest power struggle in our home is over school assignments. Our fifth-grader simply will not do them! When we try to force him to study, he sits and stares, doodles, gets up for water and just kills time. Furthermore, we never know for sure what he's supposed to be doing. Why is he like that?

DR. DOBSON: Let me offer a short discourse on school achievement, based on years of interaction with parents. I served as a teacher, a high school counselor and a school psychologist. As such, I became very well acquainted with children's learning patterns. The kind of self-discipline necessary to succeed in school appears to be distributed on a continuum from one extreme to the other. Students at the positive end of the scale (I'll call them Type I) are by nature organized individuals who care about details. They take the educational process very seriously and assume full responsibility for assignments given. They also worry about grades, or at least they recognize their importance. To do poorly on a test would depress them for several days. They also like the challenge offered in the classroom. Parents of these children do not have to monitor their progress to keep them working. It is their way of life — and it is consistent with their temperaments. At the other end of the continuum are the boys and girls who do not fit in well with the structure of the classroom (Type II). If their Type I siblings emerge from school cum laude, these kids graduate "Thank you, Laude!" They are sloppy, disorganized and flighty. They have a natural aversion to work and love to play. They can't wait for success and they hurry on without it. Like bacteria that gradually become immune to antibiotics, the classic underachievers become impervious to adult pressure. They withstand a storm of parental protest every few weeks and then, when no one is looking, they slip back into apathy. They don't even hear the assignments being given in school and seem not to be embarrassed when they fail to complete them. And, you can be sure, they drive their parents to distraction. For many, if not most, of these kids, their "battles" over schoolwork and homework represent a conflict between their basic temperament and the frustration experienced and transmitted to them by their parents. For many of them, a strict but not punitive approach, in which accountability for schoolwork and homework is transferred back from the parents to the child, will effectively motivate them to assume responsibility for their work. An excellent, practical description of this approach is provided by psychologist John Rosemond in "Ending the Homework Hassle" (Andrews and McMeel, 1990). In unusually difficult cases, or when the previous approach has failed, the child may have a neurologically based learning disability or the complex of behaviors known as attention deficit disorder (ADD) or attention deficit hyperactive disorder (ADHD). The cause of ADHD is currently unknown, but may include neurological or biological factors in some cases. Stimulant medication has been found to be effective in short-term studies for relieving the attentional and impulsivity features of ADHD behaviors, although the beneficial effect of these medications is not specific or limited to individuals with ADHD. Preliminary research has indicated success for ADHD management with a potentially promising behavioral approach outlined by Dr. David Stein in his recent book "Ritalin Is Not the Answer" (Jossey-Bass Publishers, 1999). Other authorities, including Dr. Edward Hallowell and Dr. John Ratey writing in "Driven to Distraction" (Simon & Schuster, 1995), recommend the use of Ritalin or other medication for children with a confirmed diagnosis of ADHD. Your pediatrician will help you decide which approach to take.

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ASC - A unique volunteer opportunity for locals

Accredited Supports to the Community (ASC), an organization serving children and adults with special needs and their families since 1974, is celebrating National Volunteer Week this year with a special afternoon tea. ASC wishes to acknowledge the contribution made by individuals, staff and other community members and organizations.

ASC relies heavily on volunteerism to enhance the many programs being offered. ASC has a Volunteer Involvement Program that strives to meet the needs of all volunteers involved with the agency. A comprehensive orientation and training schedule for all new volunteers and regular follow-up with the Volunteer Services Facilitator help ensure a volunteer feels comfortable and is satisfied with their volunteer opportunity. You could choose to assist with special events on an "as needed" basis or you could become involved with one of the individuals receiving service.

Tane Skotheim is the Volunteer Services Facilitator at ASC and she is quick to point out that the unique volunteer program at ASC actually consists of two parts. "Not only are we trying to recruit community members to assist us in a variety of ways, but we are also actively giving back to our communities through a comprehensive "in-house" volunteer program." Tane explains that many individuals are interested in volunteering for a number of reasons. Some individuals through ASC have a staff member who accompanies them to the volunteer site and assists them in learning the new routine.

ASC volunteers are currently active in 11 different sites and are busy doing everything from library work to assisting in a veterinary clinic! Tane has a list of potential volunteers and their interests. Please keep this

valuable pool of volunteers in mind if your business or organization has something they need help with - we may have just the person for you!

So, whether you have need of a volunteer or wish to volunteer, remember to call Accredited Supports to the Community to find out more about their Volunteer Involvement Program. ASC is active in the communities of Olds, Sundre,

Bowden, Didsbury, Three Hills, Cremona and Trochu. Tane works out of the main office in Olds and can be reached at 556-4110. During National Volunteer Week, remember this Chinese Proverb:

"Life in this world consists of mutual helpfulness."

The volunteer program at ASC works with this in mind and we would like to hear from you!



SPLASHING AROUND
Many youngsters took part in the Egg-Quatic Pool Party hosted by DAC last Saturday afternoon.

Photo by Doug Artindale

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DEDICATION of West Zion Mennonite Church New Addition

April 30, Sunday Afternoon at 3:00 p.m.
Everyone is welcome! Phone 337-2020

The Church is located from Didsbury:
7km south and 3km west on County Rd 30.04

CHURCH DIRECTORY

The REVIEW is pleased to provide this Church Directory as a community service.

Anglican Church of Canada

St. Cyprian's

2037 - 24th Avenue, Didsbury 335-4664

8:30 a.m. 1st & 3rd Sunday

10:30 a.m. Every Sunday. Holy Eucharist

(except 5th Sunday Morning Prayer)

Sunday School & Nursery Sept-June

Services followed by Fellowship Hour

The Rev. John Orman B.Th., F.I.C.B.

St. Cyprian's Welcomes Everyone.

Every Sunday is Family Sunday.

Chinook Winds Christian Centre

Pastors Richard & Beth Kope extend a warm

invitation to new area residents to visit us in our

new facility

1710 - 14 St. Didsbury

SUNDAY CELEBRATION: 10 a.m.

For info regarding services and weekly activities

for the whole family, please call us at

335-3551 or 335-3323

Fortress Baptist Church

Meeting at the Didsbury Train Station

(SW entrance facing businesses)

Pastor Jim Warkentin + 335-4878

Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Meet you at the Station.

Berghal Mennonite Church

Didsbury, Alberta - Bruce Wiebe, Pastor

5 Kilometers south of the Didsbury overpass

8 Kilometers East on Berghal Road

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service at 10:55 a.m.

Activities, fellowship and a Care-Group Ministry

throughout the week. For more information

phone 335-4451 or 335-8927

Redeemer Lutheran

LUTHERAN CHURCH CANADA

1500 - 23rd Street

Rev. Robert Mohns

Church: 335-3161/Res: 335-3656

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Study Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sun. 10:30 a.m.

Jr. & Senior Youth, Women's & Senior's

Ministry Group, Small Group Bible Study meetings

throughout the week.

West Zion Mennonite Church

South of Didsbury to sign - west 1 1/2 miles.

Pastor Jim Miller, Information call 337-2020

Sept 1st - June 20th

Sunday School - 10 a.m.

Worship Service - 10:55 a.m.

Nursery available during service.

Everyone Welcome

See You in Church This Sunday!

Zion Evangelical Missionary Church

2030 - 21st Avenue

Equipped for Hearing Impaired

Grant Sikstrom, Senior Pastor

David Black, Youth Director

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Celebration in Worship

11:15 - 12:30 a.m. Celebration in Worship

10:10 - 11:05 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

Contact the church regarding Bible Studies, Care Groups, Tech Activities & Children's programs.

St. Anthony's Catholic

2030 24 Ave. Didsbury Phone 556-3084

Mass Time: 7:00 p.m. 1st Saturday

Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church

(14 Kilometers East of Didsbury)

Pastor John Lucas 335-8923

Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Worship Service: 11 a.m.

Knox United Didsbury

Didsbury Pastoral Charge

Minister Rev. Malcolm Proffitt,

Office: 335-8375 Mense: 335-8375

Sunday Worship and Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Each Sunday

Common Ground: A Time Honoured Tradition

Over a hundred communities in Alberta joined in on the celebration of Volunteer Week 2000 which fell on the week of April 9 - 15. The Theme for this year was "Volunteering-A Time Honoured Tradition".

As communities celebrated Volunteer Week 2000 they have had a unique opportunity to reflect on the history of volunteerism in the past century and examine the future of volunteerism in the 21st Century. It is impressive and powerful to reflect on your own community's history of volunteerism. The following are a list of questions that you might want to think about with respect to volunteerism and your community:

- What have volunteers done in your community over the past century?

- What have been some of the accomplishments volunteers have made?

- What have been some struggles for volunteers in your community?

- What difference or impact have they made to children, families, and the community at large?

- How would your community be different if you didn't have volunteers?

- What are some of the opportunities and challenges for volunteers in the future?

- How do you see yourself starting or continuing to volunteer in your community in the future?

If you're a volunteer in your community, give yourself a pat on the back.

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VORTEC V8

PICK THE LEASE THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU

Down Payment	Monthly Payment
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\$1,000	\$430
\$2,000	\$400

36 MONTH SMARTLEASE

\$358*

PER MONTH/
\$3,413 DOWN PAYMENT

OR PURCHASE FINANCE

2.9%[†]

UP TO 48 MONTHS

OR CASH PURCHASE PRICE

\$28,988**

INCLUDES FREIGHT \$990

WITH 5.4% LEASE RATE



GMC SIERRA REGULAR CAB:

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VORTEC V8 AVAILABLE

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\$288***

PER MONTH/\$3,635 DOWN PAYMENT

WITH 5.9% LEASE RATE

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2.9%[†]**

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VORTEC V8

**36 MONTH SMARTLEASE
\$378***

PER MONTH/\$4,000 DOWN PAYMENT

WITH 5.4% LEASE RATE

**OR PURCHASE FINANCE
2.9%[†]**

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Preparing to plant your trees this springtime

by Laura Poppy

The busy spring season is quickly approaching. Consider the following activities in preparation for planting trees this spring.

Finalize the design

of the tree planting. Tree planting is a long term activity. Consider the proper species, spacings and distances from buildings, roads and power lines. Also, consider any potential problems such as snow

drifts and herbicide drift from nearby crop fields.

Prepare the soil.

The site should be cultivated for one year prior to planting. Weeds are the number one kill-

ers of young trees. Therefore, plan to eliminate weeds before you plant your trees.

Consider using herbicides registered for use in shelterbelts. There are also non chemical methods avail-

able including mechanical tillage, plastic mulch, wood chips and flax strivies.

Reserve a tree planter.

If you are planting a significant number of

trees, it is worthwhile to borrow a tree planter. Planters are available from local municipal offices, local conservation organizations or your local PFRA office. Call early to reserve.

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\$3,000	\$410

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UP TO 48 MONTHS
CASH PURCHASE PRICE
\$32,488**
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\$348*

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PURCHASE FINANCE
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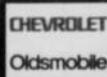


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By Marilyn Logan

When we built our house, we planted several large spruce trees in the yard. Instead of constructing a fence, we opted to plant a hedge around our property. A natural refuge for wildlife was thus established. In order to attract birds, we set out numerous feeding stations on the deck. Soon various species of birds descended to take advantage of the free meal and accommodation. It didn't take long for nests to appear. The youngsters too decided that life in the yard was good. As a result, our flock grew.

We noticed that the feeding style of some birds was atrocious. Half the food ended up on the deck thus creating an additional feeding station. Water run-off between the planks carried many of these seeds to the ground.

Before long other creatures found sanctuary in our yard. Birds of prey started to appear. At first I failed to question why merlins and sharp-shinned hawks found our yard so appealing. Unbeknownst to me, word had also spread among the mouse population that this was a preferred location for good pickings. The food chain had lengthened.

One fateful day, however, I learned the answer. On a bough of one of the spruce trees, a hawk was systematically dismembering a small creature. I thought it had captured one of the songbirds and was mortified. When the hawk departed, I ventured into the yard to mourn the loss of this friend. To my surprise I found no trace of feathers. Instead, all I could recognize was the mangled tail of a mouse.

I knew it wouldn't take long for these rodents to seek the comfort of indoor living. In haste, I purchased four state of the art mouse-traps. Each day the enticing smell of cheese lured many critters to their demise. The birds of prey departed, realizing their free lunch was over. Surprisingly, so did the flock of birds that had taken up residence. I found this somewhat perplexing.

As I prepared to put fresh bait in the traps one day I noticed that one of them had disappeared. I could find no explanation for this. The next day another trap vanished. It wasn't until my husband went golfing on the course behind our house that we discovered what had happened. He spotted one of the traps on the first fairway. Stuck in its killer jaws were tufts of orange cat fur. The second trap was located in the rough near another hole. This time the incriminating fur was black.

After a messy cleanup under the deck, the mouse invasion came to a halt. Slowly the flock resumed housekeeping, their haven safe once more. I can only speculate about the fate of the well-fed cats, but I'm still looking for two with bent semi-bald tails.

Moral: The yowl you hear at night might not be amorous.

Healthy eating can be fast

Short on time in the kitchen? Help is on the way! Most Canadians feel that a lack of time stands in the way of eating as well as they would like. Recognizing this problem, Dietitians of Canada has chosen "Great Food Fast" for the national Nutritional Month Campaign.

"In today's fast paced society, you may find yourself skipping meals, grabbing whatever is available to relieve hunger and relying on the same 5-10 main weekday meals," says Lise Smedmor, R.D., Dietitians of Canada. "These practices can limit food choices and keep you from eating enough nutrients, that are important to health," continues Smedmor. "When you think of healthy eating in

a hurry, think F.A.S.T.," she suggests.

Food - Food for healthy eating can also be quick and easy. Having a good supply of easy to prepare nutritious foods in your cupboards, fridge and freezer ensures that you'll have foods you need on hand to make healthy meals in a hurry.

Active - Active living leads to more energy and a feeling of well-being. Activity doesn't just burn calories, it loosens muscles, relieves stress and releases substances into the body which can elevate your mood. Another plus is the way exercise builds muscles which increases energy needs (so you can actually eat more without gaining weight) and improves your quality of life

as you age.

Save - Save time for family and friends by making time to plan, cook and enjoy meals together. Make tonight's dinner with a friend, child, family member or spouse. Use the time to catch up on news with each other.

Taste and pleasure of

food is paramount. Healthy eating and great taste naturally go hand in hand.

Nature offers fast foods that you can grab and enjoy like fresh fruit and vegetables, breads, cereals, milk, cheese and

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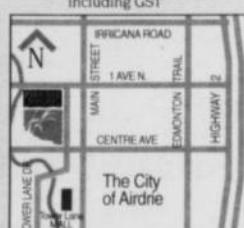
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Didsbury Hospital Auxiliary Update

by A. Pringle

The regular monthly meeting of the Didsbury Hospital Auxiliary was held April 6 in the Assembly Room with 11 members present.

The Regional meeting will be held May 3 in Drumheller and the CEO - Mr. Martin will be guest speaker. Six members plan on attending.

Volunteer week is April 9-15. Watch for posters. The Annual Florence Nightingale Tea will be held May 8 as a social afternoon at 2:30 p.m. Come and enjoy a cup of tea with the Auxiliary members.

Make healthy eating fun for the whole family

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yogurt, nuts and seeds and many others.

Healthy eating can be FAST and easy, so don't miss out.

Get the facts from a

source you can trust...ask a Registered Dietitian.

For more information on local nutrition month events or for more quick and easy healthy eating ideas, visit the nutrition website at

www.dietitians.ca or contact a dietitian in your region through your local health department, community hospital or in private practice at 1-888-901-7776.

For fast, delicious and

nutritious recipes, Dietitians of Canada's newest cookbook, "Great Food Fast" is a must.

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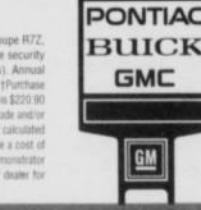
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a brief glimpse of people and events in our community



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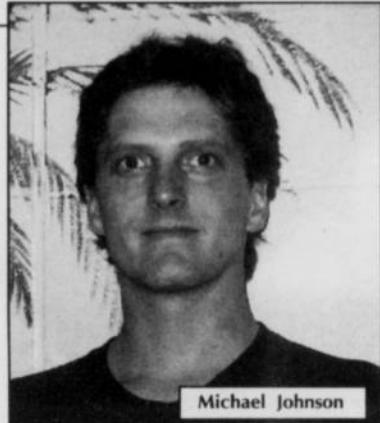
Make it, Bake it or Grow it - Farmer's Market Returns

A Farmers' Market was intended as a direct marketing channel through which a farmer can sell agricultural products. It is a focal point where producers can gather on a regular basis to offer homegrown produce, and agricultural and non-ag-

ricultural products for sale directly to consumers. The Market often provides lower priced produce for consumers, and offers one-stop shopping for a lot of our summer needs. Best of all, the Didsbury Farmers' Market is returning to the Memorial Complex on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. beginning May 3rd. As organizer Laura Krebs says, "there'll be about 15-20 tables with a variety of things. There's a lot of crafts, Tupperware and Watkins products, and all sorts of things." More and more, people are choosing food in as natural a state as possible without unnecessary packaging, and your local Farmers' Market is one of the best places to fulfill that request. It's the place to come to get farm fresh eggs, home-baked buns and breads, fresh-from-the-oven pies and cookies, and so much more. It's also a great place to pick up something a little special for mom just before her special day, including B.C. fruit that will be ripe for the picking just as soon as the truck is available. The local greenhouses will be bringing in bedding out plants and hanging baskets just before Mother's Day. The Didsbury Farmers' Market is at the Curling Rink, and you won't want to miss out on all the goodies our local entrepreneurs are offering.

Come Celebrate the Nation!

The Trans Canada Trail Relay 2000 has begun, and it's heading our way! Water has been drawn from the three oceans bordering Canada and is being transported along the trail by official water carriers who will be hiking, cycling, jogging, rollerblading, horseback riding, snowmobiling and dog sledding toward the Millennium Fountain in Ottawa. According to Michael Johnson, Recreation Programmer at the Didsbury Memorial Complex, "they're going through different communities, and each community can do whatever they want to help support this millennium project". One litre of water from the Arctic Ocean will be traveling through Didsbury on Friday May 12, 2000. "They'll be coming from Olds, down Highway 2A, and taking 582 into town," says Michael. Reminiscent of last year's Alberta Seniors' Games Torch Relay, the 8-10 relay runners and their support vehicles will be greeted at the arena, where festivities will begin about 9:30 a.m. "We're inviting the schools to come down and run, jog, or walk," adds Michael. The participants will explain the purpose of the Relay, and relate stories that have happened to them along the trip. In the end, the water will be poured into the Millennium Fountain in Ottawa on September 9, 2000, celebrating the Grand Opening of the TransCanada Trail, 16,100 kilometers of trail spanning the country, a great national achievement. In Didsbury, "we'll have a dignitary representing the Town to sign their guestbook and present the water carriers with a Town flag," says Michael. Their timing couldn't be more perfect, as May 12th is also Sneaker Day, the kick-off to the Summer Active Program put on by Participation. "We're inviting everyone to throw on their sneakers and welcome the relay runners," encourages Michael. So, come on out and hear about the Relay as it makes its way across the nation, and celebrate Canada's heritage.



Michael Johnson

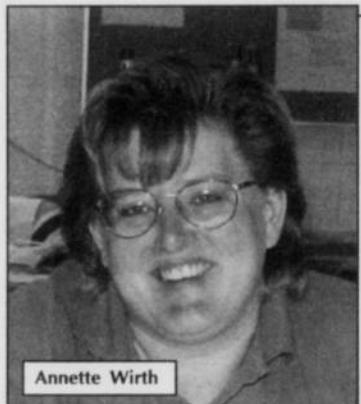
Open House for Accredited Supports

Accredited Supports to the Community provides services for children and adults with special needs and their families. Supports are available to individuals and their families in their homes, jobs, and in the community through employment training, residential support services, and other support services. According to Mary Ellen Toker, Team Leader at Didsbury's Relief Home, "we're having an Open House and inviting people who are involved in providing services for children, so we can show them what services we provide." On Friday, April 28, ASC will be holding an Open House at 1709 - 15 Ave. in Didsbury. Accredited Supports to the Community is a fabulous organization with very strong principles, as stated on their invitation: "We believe in honor, dignity and respect. All people are worthy of abundance." As Mary Ellen says, "what we provide is host homes, rehabilitation aides that work with children out of the home, and in-home support to help parents however they need it." When parents need a break, the Relief Home serves as a place where their children can go for an evening or weekend and the parents know their kids will be properly cared for. "We really want to inform people about what we do, and build connections in the community," says Mary Ellen. The Open House runs from 12 noon till 4:00 p.m., and it's a great opportunity to see the results of their recent renovations and some of the neat support equipment there is, including an elevator, a wheelchair van, hydraulic tub, and much more. "The Home is very accessible," says Mary Ellen, "and everyone is welcome to have a cup of coffee and a visit."



Kings and Queens at Didsbury High

One of the major annual fund-raising events at the Didsbury High School is returning, with the May Monarch Campaign scheduled for May 3 - 12. It's a "Battle of the Grades" type of event, where, as co-ordinator and teacher Annette Wirth says, "the contestants from the grade that raises the most money are named May King and Queen". Each grade (from Grade 9 to 12)



Annette Wirth

will be voting on its representatives when they return from Easter break on the 2nd, and then they all get to work trying to raise the most funds. "The money raised is used to support school teams, scholarships, student union stuff, graduation, and lots more," adds Annette. Students will be contacting people and businesses in the community to help them out, by doing odd jobs such as raking yards, putting a fresh coat of paint on the deck, washing windows; just about anything you can think of. Some of the grades will host car washes, bottle drives, and bake sales. Some of the local farmers have crews of students come in to clean their barns, gather up the winter's deadfall, or help with fencing. Businesses are always eager to have a little help when it comes to their own spring cleaning, and look forward to May Monarch as a way to get to know the kids better, and to help out this worthwhile cause. "Last year we raised over \$6,000," says Annette. The whole thing winds up with a high school dance where the King and Queen are announced. The May Monarch campaign has become a real tradition in Didsbury, and everyone is invited to participate. If you have any odd jobs you'd like done that first week of May, be sure to call the school at 335-3356 and pick your grade.

It Comes From the Heart

Eleven years ago, Pastor Steve Budd from the Cremona Evangelical Missionary Church had an unfortunate hunting accident and received tainted blood. As a result, he now has Hepatitis C, and is very ill. A yearlong drug treatment program is imperative, but very costly. In true fashion, the community has banded together to host a benefit auction "From the Heart", on May 13th at the Cremona Arena. One of the organizers, Charlene Befus, is just overwhelmed by the support. "Some of the things that will be auctioned are a purebred registered horse, artwork, a lawn tractor, tea service, massage therapy, a welder, a couple of desks, a piano, numerous toys, birdseed from the Sundre Feed Mill, a tandem truck from Oyen. It's just amazing. We got a call from some people who are moving and we've picked up a recliner and some arm chairs, an old console record player and records, a round oak table, and a nice cupboard." There's even going to be some Kananaskis 2000 posters for auction, some camping cookbooks, and several church members will be making homemade pies. The list gets longer every day. There has been incredible support in all the surrounding communities, including the Cremona Brownies who are doing a bottle drive to help out. If anyone has any items they would like to donate to this wonderful cause, you can drop them off at the Missionary Church in Cremona on May 2, 4, 9, and 11th from 7-8 p.m. or on May 6th from 10 a.m. to noon. The arena will be open all day on the 12th for drop-off and set-up. Items for auction can be previewed at 9:00 a.m. and the unreserved auction begins at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Budd has devoted his life to helping others, and this auction gives the community an opportunity to help him. As Charlene says, "you just pull together wherever you can. This touches us because he's our pastor, and we wanted to do something to help". Everyone is invited to show their support by donating an item or two for the auction, and of course, to come to the auction and join in on a wonderful opportunity to help someone in need. For more information, call Charlene at 335-4214.



Pastor Steve Budd

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New safety net plan to benefit all producers

By Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister Lyle Vanclef

The diversity of Canada's agriculture industry is both a blessing and a challenge.

The blessing is that it allows us to produce a variety of commodities for a large number of markets. The challenge is that it requires us to seek common ground among a large number of producers.

This challenge, and our ability to pull together and overcome it, is well illustrated with the tentative agreement Canada's Federal, Provincial and Territorial Agriculture Ministers reached on long-term safety nets last month in Ottawa.

After more than two years of extremely difficult negotiations the group agreed to a three-year plan that includes funding for

both disaster and traditional safety net programs.

Reaching consensus with provinces that represent such a diverse group of farmers is no easy task at any time. But when you consider the current economic difficulties in some sectors and the political pressure it has created, it becomes easy to see why negotiations have been as difficult as they've been over the past few years.

While the economic situation made negotiations difficult, it also created a real need for farmers to know as soon as possible what type of safety net funding they can expect in coming years. This need was front and centre on the mind of every Minister at the negotiating table and played a major role in helping us get a tentative deal.

I say tentative because Min-

isters now take the deal back to their respective Cabinets to be ratified. I have every confidence this will happen quickly and that Federal, Provincial and Territorial Ministers will be discussing specific program details when they meet this July in Fredericton.

The end result of this entire process should be a three-year plan that offers federal funding of more than \$3.3 billion.

With the provinces contributing to safety nets in the traditional 60:40 federal-provincial ratio, the total funding available adds up to more than \$5 billion.

The plan would provide \$665 million a year in federal funding for basic safety net programs and an additional \$435 million a year for income disaster assistance.

Provincial allocations of the basic \$665 million will be based

on the size of the agriculture industry in each province.

This significantly increases the share of money for several provinces and ensures all provinces continue to receive at least their current level of funding. It was very important to me that any deal reached be fair and equitable for all provinces and that no individual province suffer any funding set-back.

I expect my Cabinet colleagues will support these arrangements. Of course, the \$435 million for disaster assistance will be drawn upon in those provinces which experience a disaster.

Overall, the agreement is designed to provide the maximum degree of farm income stabilization possible.

I think the fact that every province has endorsed it is a solid indication

of its merits.

I mentioned earlier that the diversity of Canada's agriculture industry made the road to this deal a challenging one. As the old saying goes, nothing worth getting comes easy.

This deal was definitely worth getting.

For producers and for the country.

If you have any comments about this column, or other topics you would like to see addressed, please don't hesitate to contact me at: <http://www.agr.ca/cb/mail/e-mail.html>. Or you can write to me at:

Lyle Vanclef, Minister, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

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Until next month.

Olds participants offer creative solutions at Ag Summit 2000

A list of positive solutions to issues facing the agriculture and agri-food industry was the result of the Olds regional public meeting of Ag Summit 2000. The meeting was held April 7, 2000 with 72 participants.

Participants were asked to look over a list of issues facing the agriculture and agri-food industry drafted at the Leaders' Workshop on February 7 and 8, 2000 in Red Deer and to determine the ranking of the issues.

They were also asked to add any other issues important to them that were not included on the listing.

Participants were also asked to come up with ideas for innovative solutions to the challenges and opportunities facing the industry. Among the solutions suggested:

- Research/new technology - creating short term tax incentives to encourage industry to put money back into research, placing a percentage of GST back into agricultural research and encouraging producers to put money into research (i.e. investment credits).

- Consumer trends - targeting products to the consumers with the top dollar - finding this premium market both inside and outside Alberta. Getting and maintaining consumer loyalty through good quality, delivery and service. Taking advantage of every possibility to promote and deliver. **We need to blow our own horn.**

and promote our quality products.

- Food safety - creating standards throughout industry based on a Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) system.

- Rural viability/sustainable rural communities - educating non-farming Albertans about where their food comes from. The education should come from farmers, led by producer groups. Rural people need to learn more about urban neighbours as well.

- Environment - designation of areas for development or farming with limited regulations. Need for guarantees that farming activities will not be inhibited if they are following generally accepted practices. Generally accepted practices may need to change to be accepted.

- Farm profitability - need for fewer restrictions and more incentives to encourage involvement in value-added processing. Re-evaluation of current production practices, plus fair and equitable taxation among ag industry operators.

- Infrastructure - focusing on the farmer as the steward of the land and enhancing public perception of farmers' role as stewards.

- Trade Negotiations - the provincial government, led by the Premier, must be more aggressive. Need for the headline sign to read "Alberta Declared Outside CWB Designa-

nated Area."

- Public Policy - province to take the lead in developing requirements for land use regarding ILOs, municipalities to decide if they are for ILO development and, if so, they must set up zoning for ILOs. Approval must be based on guidelines (provincial requirements) being met. Development applications outside of zoned areas should be subject to current appeal process. Province must provide funding to assist municipalities in establishing zoning plans.

The issues and solutions discussed at this meeting will be compiled with the results from the other regional public meeting being held around the province and brought to the wrap-up Summit event on June 7 and 8, 2000 in Edmonton.

The issues and solutions will be used to help develop an action plan for the industry and all three levels of government (municipal, provincial and federal).

A full progress report will be prepared on the results of the regional public meetings once they have been completed. The last meeting will be held April 20 in Valleyview.

Albertans interested in participating in Ag Summit 2000 can also fill in the on-line workbook at www.agsummit.gov.ab.ca or phone (780) 422-4175 (toll-free by first dialling 310-0000) to request that a workbook be mailed to them.

Olds Auction Market Report

for the week ending April 18, 2000
Cattle 1509 - Hogs 147

Butcher Cattle:

C1 Heiferettes 70 to 85; Feeder Cows 60 to 70; Grain Fed and Exotic 60 to 67; Med. Flesh Cows 55 to 60; Older Cows 48 to 54; Bologna Bulls 70 to 78; Holstein Cows 47 to 57; Feeder Bulls 79 to 88

Replacement Cattle:

250-380 lb steers 155 to 194; heifers 140 to 170; 400 lb steers 144 to 184; heifers 132 to 165; 500 lb steers 135 to 170; heifers 125 to 150; 600 lb steers 120 to 148; heifers 115 to 140; 700 lb steers 115 to 134; heifers 112 to 125; 800 lb steers 105 to 121; heifers 104 to 107; 900 lb steers 100 to 112; heifers 95 to 109; 1000 lb steers 95 to 106; heifers 92 to 104; Bred Cows 910 to 1260; Bred Heifers 970 to 1160; Cow/Calf Pairs 1180 to 1650; Holstein Steers 600-1000 80 to 100

Dairy Barn:

Baby Bull Calves 200 to 390; Baby Heifer Calves 190 to 320; Larger Bull Calves 350 to 550; Larger Heifer Calves 300 to 455

Hog Division:

Weiner Pigs 40 to 53; Small Feeders 62 to 75; Sows & Gilts 140 to 295; Larger Feeders 75 to 92; Boars 40 to 100

Sheep and Goats:

Ewes 95; Feeder Lambs 100; Nannies 90; Billies 115

Feed:

Small Square Hay 1.50 to 3.05; Straw 45 to 55; Large Round Hay 30 to 39



Beef conference continues to support market liberalization

The Canadian Cattlemen's Association (CCA) along with the national beef associations of Australia, New Zealand, Mexico and the United States will continue efforts to bring about free and fair trade worldwide.

The Five Nations Beef Conference recently concluded in Australia. Neil Jahnke, CCA Vice President and Foreign Trade Committee Chair, describes the meeting as an opportunity to come to common ground on many trade

issues. Ambassadors from Argentina and Uruguay were also in attendance and Jahnke is hopeful they will soon expand their five nations to seven. He believes this would be beneficial because Argentina and Uruguay are major export

ers of beef. The conference continued the call for the elimination of all export subsidies.

"We want to make sure the European Union doesn't export subsidized beef into Asia and we want to keep pressuring the EU

to eliminate all export subsidies," says Jahnke.

The beef associations representing the five countries agree domestic support represents another trade barrier and should be eliminated. They're also calling for the removal of all import controls with the guidelines and sound science. "No one should be able to dream up a problem and stop the importation of beef. It must be based on sound science," states Jahnke.



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Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development and the Alberta Cattle Commission have joined forces to update the video Alberta Beef - The Great Taste of the West. This new video tape looks at the province's innovative beef industry through the eyes of a working cattleman, looking at how beef is produced from ranch gate to consumer plate. The story highlights the team effort required to produce world-class beef for local and international markets. All aspects from cattle production to beef processing are revealed: from a production chain and technology of the industry, to food safety practices and environmental stewardship point of view. Copies of the video are available for viewing from the central Multi-Media Library, main floor, 7000 - 113 Street, Edmonton as well as from the Regional Advisory Service district office libraries. For more information on this and other Alberta Agriculture videos, contact Ken Blackley, information officer, Multi-Media Branch, Communications Division, 7000-113 street, Edmonton, AB T6H 5T6. Blackley can also be

contacted by phone at (780) 422-3951, or fax (780) 427-2861, or e-mail <ken.blackley@agric.gov.ab.ca>. Alberta government phone numbers are toll free in the province by dialling 310-0000.

Rural Alberta Showcase 2000

There will also be special entertainment for children, such as, storytellers, clowns, balloon art, crafts and magicians. Special entertainment with a 50s theme is planned for adults at the Friday evening celebration in the Bashaw Community Centre. The weekend event is designed to give Albertans a greater sense of what is possible in rural Alberta communities.

NAWMP

The North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP) has been in opera-

tion in Alberta for almost 15 years. While NAWMP targets waterfowl, more than 300,000 hectares of habitat have been restored, protected or enhanced for the benefit of many species of birds, mammals, amphibians and reptiles, as well as innumerable invertebrate and plant communities. To profile NAWMP's contribution to biological diversity in Alberta landscapes, a newsletter Biodiversity Makes It Work has been developed. The first issue was distributed in February 2000 and new issues will be produced in the coming months. The newsletter outlines NAWMP's commitment to biodiversity and provides information on activities, management programs, partnerships and research initiatives. For further information on NAWMP, or to receive the Biodiversity Makes It Work newsletter, contact Brett Calverley, Alberta NAWMP coordinator at (780) 489-2002, Edmonton.

CWB Bulletin

From elevator to port:

Rail car unloads for all grains for week 37 (week ending April 16) were 3,036 at Vancouver (target: 3,300) and 1,042 at Prince Rupert (target: 1,000). Rail car unloads at Thunder Bay totalled 2,036 cars (target: 2,680).

Primary elevator space (for week 37) was 23 percent, compared to 24 percent the week before. Manitoba elevators averaged 20 percent space, Saskatchewan elevators averaged 26 percent space and Alberta elevators averaged 20 percent space.

FOB forward:

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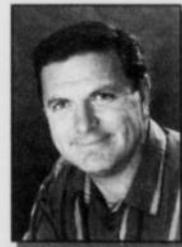
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Insect pest forecast 2000

Crop losses from insect pest attack have been severe in Alberta in recent years, particularly for canola growers. Advance warning and crop scouting can be instrumental for enabling producers to respond quickly in the event of an outbreak. For 2000, the insects likely to cause crop damage are Lygus bugs, grasshoppers, cabbage seedpod weevils and flea beetles.

"Growers should monitor their fields carefully for Lygus bugs," says Lloyd Dosdall, research entomologist with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Edmonton. "In 1998, 1.4 million acres of canola were sprayed to control Lygus infestations in Alberta, and although this value declined to 350 thousand acres in 1999, the possibility of renewed Lygus attack remains strong. The insects went into winter with good fat reserves because the long, mild fall extended their feeding period, and adequate snow cover in most parts of the province is protecting the wintering adults."

Lygus feed on actively growing points on plants, sucking plant juices from stems and buds. They are most damaging, however, when plants set pod. At this stage, the insects pierce ripening pods and suck out nutrients from developing seeds.

"Canola growers should begin monitoring their canola crops for Lygus in the bud and bolting stages, because this is the time when plants are most attractive to egg-laying adults," suggests Dosdall. "Populations at bud are a good general indicator of infestation levels later in the season. Farmers should continue to monitor crops, at least weekly, right through flowering and into the pod stages."

The best monitoring tool is a standard sweep net. The economic threshold for Lygus is 1.5 lygus/sweep based on 10 sets of 10 sweeps/set. In other words, if there are more than 15 Lygus bugs found in 10 sweeps consistently, growers should consider applying insecticide for

Lygus control at the end of bloom.

Growers should try to avoid spraying crops early in the season because good rainfall while the crop is flowering can help plants compensate for Lygus bug damage. During the 1998 outbreak, however, some growers found that Lygus numbers were so high they prevented crops from ever coming into full flower. When such high Lygus numbers are present, it will be necessary to spray early.

"Grasshopper infestations are a real concern for 2000, especially because populations have been gradually building for the past few years," adds Dosdall. "The long, dry fall in 1999 promoted heavy egg-laying by females. If our relatively thin snow cover this winter is followed by warm, dry conditions in spring, it will almost certainly spell serious trouble with grasshoppers. To date, our surveys show that egg populations were quite high in the southern Peace River region, near Barrhead and Sangudo in northwestern Alberta, near Elk Point, Lac La Biche, Bonnyville, and Lloydminster in northeastern Alberta, and near

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Increase Tree Growth

The most challenging obstacle in establishing shelterbelt trees is weed competition. Weeds adversely affect tree growth and survival, but there is little information on the exact effect of weeds on trees in our semi-arid prairie climate. Bill Schroeder in the Investigation Section at the PFRA Shelterbelt Cen-

tre has been trying to gain an understanding of how weeds and trees compete for moisture and nutrients. Studies at the Shelterbelt Centre near Indian Head looked at the effect of weed competition on the growth of young green ash trees. In each of the three growing seasons of the study, weed competition reduced tree growth

by 40% or more. These results were not terribly surprising since we know that weeds in the garden grow at the expense of our vegetables, but Schroeder was interested in finding out why this occurred with trees.

An interesting finding of this study was that in wet years trees in the weedy plots did not suffer

from a lack of moisture. Yet the growth of the young seedlings was significantly reduced. Why did weed competition reduce tree growth if soil moisture was not a problem? It seems that weeds hindered growth of the green ash trees by competing for soil nutrients,

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2000 insect pest forecast

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Provost and Wainwright in east central Alberta. In an unusual development, southern Alberta is at relatively low risk from grasshoppers this year because rainfall levels there have been fairly high for the past two years."

In 2000, canola growers in southern Alberta are at grave risk from infestations of cabbage seedpod weevil, a relatively new pest for Alberta. This pest was only discovered here in 1995, probably introduced from the U.S. Already its range has expanded to the Saskatchewan border in the east, the Rocky Mountains in the west and as far north as Olds.

"The cabbage seedpod weevil is a tiny insect, only three to four millimetres in length, but capable of taking a big bite out of canola yields," says Dosdall. "Crop losses from attack by the cabbage seedpod weevil can occur in several ways. Females lay their eggs into seedpods and larvae consume developing seeds. In its lifetime, each larva will consume five seeds in a canola pod. Since each pod contains about 30 seeds, crop losses wouldn't be particularly severe if the damage ended there. But infestations of these pests can also bring several other forms of damage. When adults first migrate to crops in spring, they feed on buds and developing flowers, destroying many buds in the process. When mature, larvae bore through pods leaving small exit holes which can be invaded by fungal spores that germinate and destroy several more seeds within infested pods. Canola pods harboring weevil larvae shatter more frequently than non-infested pods. When adults of the new generation emerge in late summer, they puncture canola pods to feed on immature seeds and can destroy many more seeds within the pods."

Unfortunately there are no insecticides currently registered for control of the cabbage seedpod weevil. In 1999, Alberta Agriculture applied for, and received, emergency registration of deltamethrin for weevil control. It takes some time for agrochemical companies to build up the data base necessary to have products registered, so there will likely be an emergency registration situation again in 2000. "Growers should monitor their crops as they enter the rosette stage using a sweep net, and

consider spraying at bud or early-flowering if weevil populations are two to three adults per sweep net sample or higher," Dosdall recommends.

"Flea beetles invade fields in spring from the field edges, so it may be possible to only use canola seed-treated with insecticide for two or

three seeder passes on the field edges, rather than on the entire fields, and still obtain acceptable control of these pests," says Dosdall. Research has also shown that flea beetles are much more damaging to crops grown under conventional tillage systems than in zero tillage. Growers using zero-till, especially in the northwestern (Barhead, Westlock, Legal) and north central (Morinville, Fort Saskatchewan) regions of the province may be able

to completely eliminate the use of insecticidal seed treatments." While these pests are the ones of greatest concern to Alberta farmers in 2000, Alberta Agriculture staff are carefully monitoring populations of orange wheat blossom midge.

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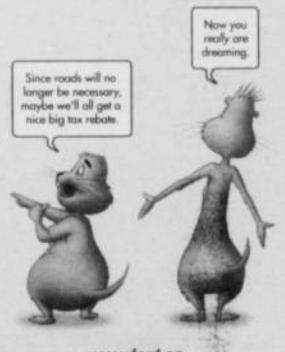
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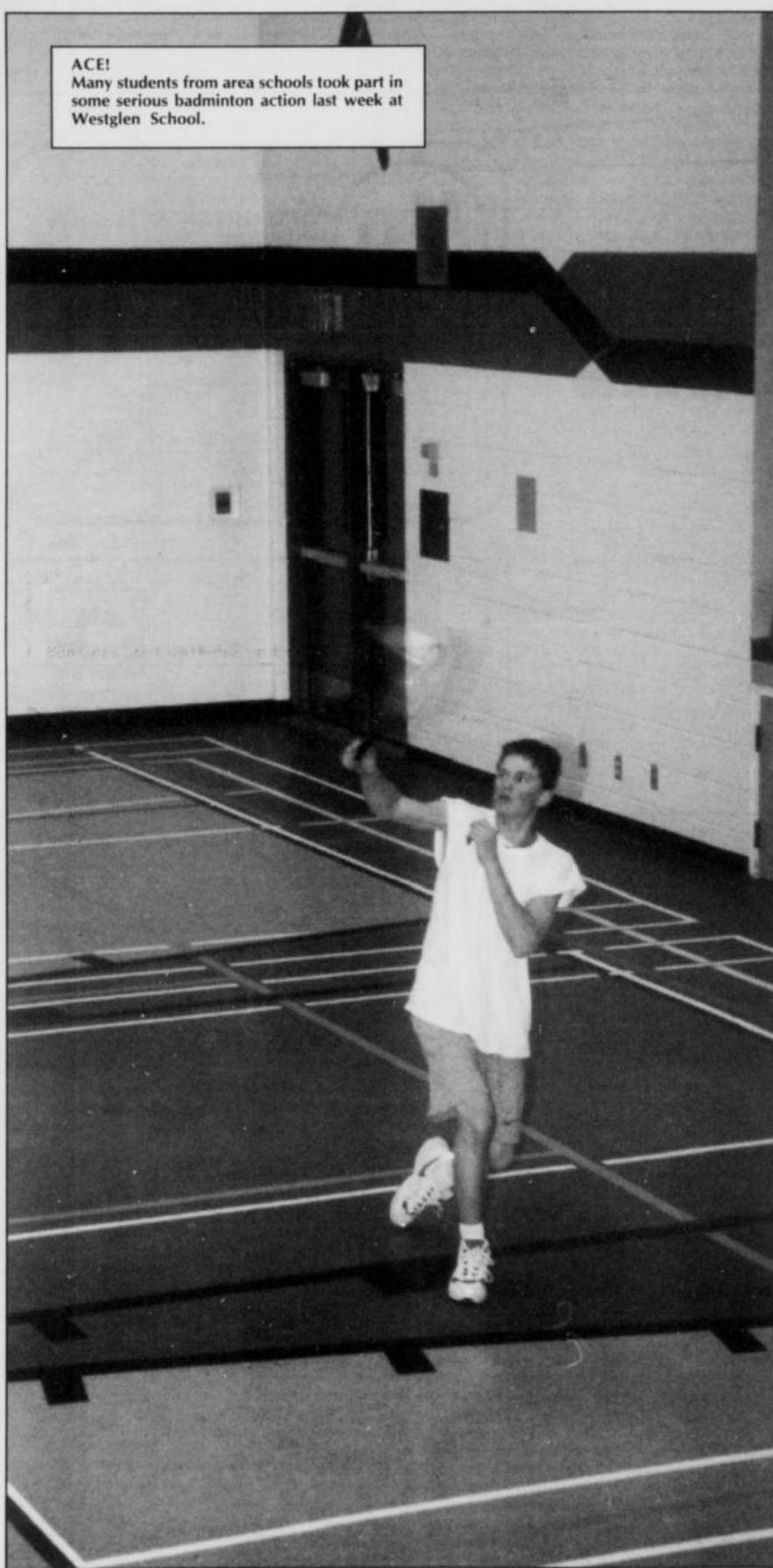
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Warren back for another season

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In the world standings he captured first and second in the average the past two years.

And after the 1999 National Finals Rodeo, he was sitting seventh on the world chart with \$93,165 in earnings. What could he possibly have to complain about?

"I was wanting to practice this winter, but where I was staying we never got to practice any," he says. "I was kind of complaining about being out of practice."

At the Kananaskis Pro Rodeo in Coleman last weekend, there was no sign that Warren was out of practice. Friday night he spurred an 84-point win in the saddle bronc to earn \$1,066. The closest anybody came to touching him was a four-way split of 79.

It was a ride on CFR and NFR qualifying horse Kesler's Copenhagen Cool Shadows which earned him the top spot. "She's one of the better horses of Kesler Rodeo's," he says. "She's an NFR quality horse. There's a little more to her than the average bronc."

But Warren wasn't done the rodeo yet. Next he was off to the opposite end of the arena to finish the day in the steer wrestling.

First place was his again and another \$1,516 went into his pockets.

"I was kind of surprised I won," Warren says of the steer wrestling in Coleman. "There seemed like there were quite a

few good steers, but mine was supposed to be one of the best ones. He was good to catch, and good to throw."

And it's all in the draw, according to Warren.

"With a few lucky breaks, and a guy drawing the right steers, rodeo can be easy. Hopefully the draw goes my way."

If Warren can bulldog like that for the rest of the season, there just may be a spot for him at the Canadian Finals in both events, something he has been trying to do for some time now.

"That's kind of been my goal for the last couple of years, but it seems like I haven't been putting enough time into the practice pen and going 100 percent. I'm going to try to do a little more practising this spring and try to get my game in shape."

Warren's travelling partner wasn't so lucky. Rod Rimmer missed his steer and his horse threw him into the chutes. "Yeah, it was a bad wreck he took," says Warren of the mishap.

At the end of the day, Warren went home with a tally of \$2,582, which left him solidly in third place in the saddle bronc standings, and a step closer to another Canadian record. Winning the 2000 all around cowboy title would make him the only cowboy to win six Canadian all around titles.

Another spot in the record book.

Warren says he would like to become eligible for that early in the season, so he doesn't have to worry about it and can concentrate on winning rodeos.

"I'm gonna go to at least as many rodeos as I did last year. As soon as about the middle of June rolls around, all my cows go to pasture then I hit the trail."

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by Frank Pavlick

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Just don't forget, start out a star,
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Pioneer Chrysler Cup emphasizes development

By Barry Williams

To the ordinary hockey fan, it appears to be just another exciting minor hockey tournament.

But, behind the scenes, the Pioneer Chrysler Alberta Cup is the core of Hockey Alberta's development for players, coaches, managers, athletic trainers and referees.

The opening face-off of the 2000 edition of the Pioneer Chrysler Alberta Cup, which features the best first year Bantam players from across the province, is scheduled to be dropped on April 27 at the Olds Sportsplex. The eight team tournament featuring two teams each from the cities of Calgary and Edmonton and four rural teams will be held at the Olds Sportsplex from April 27-30, 2000.

The participating teams from Edmonton are the North Oilers and the South Mighty Ducks, while Calgary teams consist of

the Northstars and the Flames. Participating rural teams are the Northwest Sharks, Northeast Panthers, Southern Alberta Senators and the Central Alberta Rangers.

According to Olds Midget AA Mustangs coach, Scott Muzychka, an assistant coach with the Central Alberta Rangers, there is a misconception the Pioneer Chrysler Alberta Cup is solely for the development of players for the Western Hockey League.

However, it is the core of Hockey Alberta's developments and includes not only the players but, coaches, managers, trainers and referees indicated Muzychka.

To those involved in hockey, the Pioneer Chrysler Alberta Cup is the first stage of development of elite Bantam aged hockey players within the province. Every first year Bantam hockey player aged 14 years, receives an invitation to the

eight zone camps, which includes approximately 1500 kids. The try-out camps for the eight teams attract about 100 players apiece. From these camps 160 players are chosen to play in the perspective zone teams at the Pioneer Chrysler Alberta Cup.

"I think that at the age of 14, Hockey Alberta feels this is the proper time for players to start in an elite development program," said Muzychka.

"The simple fact is that these players are at the right age to start focussing on their chosen sport," added Muzychka.

The Central Alberta Rangers has roster players from Didsbury northward to Wetaskiwin and stretching from the Saskatchewan and British Columbia borders.

Muzychka indicated a try-out camp from a selection of over 100 players has been held and the Central Alberta team has been narrowed down to just over 20 players.

The players attending the try-out camp were very talented and the coaches had a difficult time making a final decision," said Muzychka, noting the players realize the Pioneer Chrysler Alberta Cup is a high profile tournament.

Previously, players participating in the Pioneer Chrysler Alberta Cup have gone on to play in the Alberta Midget AAA Hockey League, the Alberta Junior A Hockey League, the Western Hockey League and even the NHL mentioned Muzychka.

"The tournament committee is anticipating good crowds at all the games as this tournament not only attracts the best Bantam players in the province, but is a major fund raiser for Olds Minor Hockey Association," said Peter Overwater, tournament chair person.

"This tournament has the possibility of bringing in close to \$8,000 for the Olds Minor Hockey association," said Overwater.

Team rosters of the participating teams will be displayed in the Sportsplex foyer.

Grizzlys' Golf Classic update

By Barry Williams

Hockey fans are encouraged to hit the links and swing for the Grizzlys.

The third annual Olds Grizzlys' Golf Classic is swinging into shape for play on Saturday June 10 at the Olds Highland Golf Club.

Grizzlys' assistant manager, Garrett Funkhouser is encouraging golfers to enter the tournament early as the event usually fills up very quickly.

"The Grizzlys' executive is anticipating a full compliment of golfers for the tournament this year," said Funkhouser, noting entry forms will be distributed to interested golfers and various merchants this week.

According to Funkhouser, the tournament is expected to attract 144 golfers with a wide range of handicaps.

The tournament will feature 36 teams of four golfer handicapped into 3 separate flights. A best ball competition of 18 holes of golf.

Besides golfing for a great cause, the golf tournament is a major fund raiser off the Grizzlys, golfers will be competing for a host of prizes. Before teeing off at 11 a.m., participants will be treated to breakfast and then a calcutta immediately following breakfast.

Several competitions testing the golfers' ability are planned

including Beat the Pro, a chipping competition and a putting contest sponsored by the Olds Junior Golf Club.

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William & Gail Smith and
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engagement of their
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and
Neil McKechnie
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THANK YOUS

A heart felt thanks to Dr. Ben Sader (filling in for vacationing Dr. James) and the nursing staff at the Didsbury Hospital for your care when our loved one Clarence Ness was in your care. You helped and were there for all of us. Thank you sincerely, Mary Ness, Calvin & Rhonda Hamm, Chuck & Rita Payne. A special thank you to our Pastor Grant Sikstrom and his wife Debbie who were there for us through it all. Thank you to the many people who sent flowers and helped by sending food during the loss of our husband & father Clarence Ness. The cards, phone calls, hugs and prayers are priceless to us at this time. Thank you, God Bless, Mary Ness, Calvin & Rhonda Hamm, Chuck & Rita Payne.

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PO Bag 305

Didsbury, AB

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The ideal candidate will be a mature, enthusiastic individual with strong communication, interpersonal and organizational skills. The incumbent will be a post-secondary student with previous experience working with adolescent girls and a valid Class 5 driver's license. Preference will be given to candidates who have the ability to communicate in French and possess first aid and CPR certification. Working knowledge of Microsoft Office would be a definite asset.

Interested applicants are invited to submit a resume quoting **competition #00046U** by **Friday, May 5, 2000** to:

Human Resources

4500 - 50 Street, Olds, Alberta T4H 1R6

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41 TENDERS

REQUEST FOR BIDS: Didsbury Main Street Project PO Box 790 (2009 20th Ave) Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0 (403) 335-3265 (403) 335-2805 fax. The Didsbury Main Street Project invites bids on behalf of the building owners for the following projects (general description of work attached, please provide separate bids by project) - bid documents are available from the Didsbury Main Street Project Office: Proj 1 - AGT Building - a maintenance project involving the revitalization of the buildings exterior architectural details, minor masonry repairs, repainting of trim, restoration of front entry. Proj 2 - Ribbons and Bow - remove existing slip cover exterior cladding, prepare and parge upper wall, prepare and parge lower bulkheads, repaint doors, signage. Proj 3 - Burnside Building - clean and parge concrete bulkhead and wall caps, prep and paint storefront and paint door. Proj 4 - Union Bank - repaint masonry. Proj 5 - Wheatland Restaurant - clean and repair masonry, repair and repaint upper cornice, repair and repaint signboard cornice. There is a site inspection with the Project Architect and Coordinator on Thursday, April 20, 2000 at 3:00 p.m. (meet at Didsbury Main Street Office). Attendance at the site meeting is highly recommended. Please register for the site meeting by calling (403) 335-3265. All bids must be received by the Project Office no later than May 9, 2000 at 4:00 p.m. The lowest or any tender may not necessarily be accepted. Fixed price bids will be given preferential treatment. CCDC construction contracts shall be used. 2-2t

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UPCOMING EVENTS

CARSTAIRS

Art Show

The Carstairs Artist's Guild's Annual Show and Sale will be held at the Half Century Club (1139 Osler St., Carstairs) on May 5 and 6 (Fri. and Sat.) from 11-5 both days. Refreshments available.

Saddle Identification

A saddle identification seminar will be held on April 29 at Western Sky in Carstairs from 10-4. This is a free service. Bring your saddles. For more info call Western Sky at 337-3007.

CARSTAIRS

RECYCLING DEPOT

Carstairs Lion's Recycling Depot is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

CARSTAIRS T.O.P.S.

(Take Off Pounds Sensibly) welcomes new members. Meetings 7 p.m. Monday evenings at Carstairs Church of God. For info call Jean 637-3753, Darlene 946-4369 or Natalie 337-2351.

DIDSBUY

HALL WALKING

Adults are invited to walk in the Westglen School corridors from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. Monday through Thursday for fun and fitness.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

General Meeting-Second Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. supper, 7 p.m. meeting 335-3265 RSVP

DIDSBUY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Joanne at 337-2614.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every two months at the Town Office.. For info, call Wes at the Town Office at 335-3391

TOY LIBRARY

Kidding Around Parents Club Toy Library: As of July 1, open Saturdays 10-11:30 a.m. and Tuesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. Linda at 335-5868.

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Roxanne at 335-8322 or Rick at 335-9525.

TIME OUT

Mom's Time Out and Dads Too. We meet Monday mornings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. (excluding holidays). Nominal babysitting fee. Redeemer Lutheran Church, Ph. 335-9928.

KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info, call Hans Lucas at 337-2250.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info, call Kay Johnston at 335-4060.

SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

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Trail Ride

Didsbury Light Horse Club annual breakfast trail ride is on May 7 at Dallas and Fay Haebler's. Breakfast at 8:30 a.m., ride to follow at 10 a.m. \$2 for breakfast for members. Anyone wishing to join can pay their membership that day. Come out for some fun and great company. For more information call 335-4061 or 335-4202.

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MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Join the Mountain View Presenters (MVP) Toastmasters Club in Olds. Meetings every Tuesday at Olds College, Room 108, at 7 p.m. starting September 9. For further info, call Judy Dahl at 556-7119 or Malissa at 556-8520.

SUPPORT GROUP

Fibromyalgia Support Group 4th Thursday of every month. Fortime and place, contact Mel Terpstra 335-3527 for info.

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